

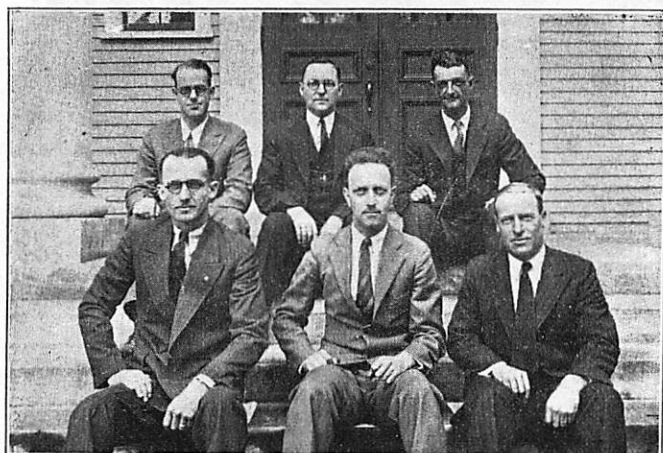
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OFFICERS OF GEORGE A. MUNDT POST, NO. 81, AMERICAN LEGION
Back Row: P. B. Head, Chap.; E. F. Bisbee, V.-Com.; W. S. Howe, Sgt.-of-Arms
Front Row: A. S. Grover, Adj.; H. R. Bean, Com.; F. O. Robertson, Fin. Officer

WINFIELD S. HOWE

Mr. Howe is the son of Sidney and Lennie (Bean) Howe. He was educated in the common schools and Gould Academy.

He married Miss Blanche Richardson and they have one son Sidney.

Mr. Howe was the first volunteer from Bethel at the entrance of the United States in the World War, enlisting April 7, 1917, in the 103d Infantry. He saw active service for two years in France, and was active in the St. Mihiel Drive, the Marschville Raid and the Apremont gas attack. He was honorably discharged in 1919.

FRANK O. ROBERTSON

Frank O. Robertson was born in Bethel Dec. 28, 1886, the son of E. N. and Cora (Buck) Robertson. He was educated in the town schools and at Gould Academy.

He married Miss Mabel Scribner and they have two sons, O'Neil and Edward.

Mr. Robertson entered the U. S. Army Service in 1917 at Camp Devens with the 301st Ammunition Train of the 76th Division and landed in England, three days later landed at St. Armand, France. His division replaced the 116th Ammunition of the "Rainbow" 42d Division, and from then on he saw active duty in convoy work throughout France. He received honorable discharge during the summer of 1919.

ALBERT S. GROVER

Mr. Grover was born in Poland, Me., in 1892, the son of Webster B. and Clara Belle (Rogers) Grover. His education was received in the Bethel schools. He married Miss Beatrice Brown in 1927.

In 1917 Mr. Grover enlisted in the U. S. Regular Army and was sent to Fort Slocum, New York. He served 16 months with Co. I, 64th Infantry, at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, on the Mexican border. In 1918 he went to France with his regiment and for two years saw active service there, first in the Puvencelle Sector west of Moselle River, then at the Second Army offensive, Meuse-Argonne Drive, and later participated in various occupations and drives. He received honorable discharge in 1920.

Mr. Grover is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., and the George A. Mundt Post, and is employed at the J. B. Ham grain mill.

PROGRAM OF CELEBRATION

- 9:00—Parade
- 10:00—Baseball—
Lovell vs. Bethel
- 11:00—Parachute Jumping
- 11:30—Airplane Stunting
- 12:00—Dinner—
Cong'l Church and Midway
- 1:00—Sports—
Greased Pig and Pole
- 2:00—Pageant
- 4:30-12—Outdoor Dancing

HERBERT R. BEAN

Mr. Bean was born Feb. 5, 1898, in Brooklyn, N. Y., the son of Herbert I. and Maude (Cross) Bean. He was educated at Lewiston schools, Gould Academy, Bates College, and Yale University.

He married Miss Naomi Smith in 1921 and they have four children, Valerie, Franklin, David, and Alice.

Mr. Bean enlisted in Co. D, 103d Infantry, "Yankee Division." After a few months in training camp he sailed with his regiment to France in September, 1917. Here he saw service at Soissons, Toul, Scheich-prey, St. Agnant, Chateau Thierry, and was wounded at Belleau Woods.

He returned to Bethel in 1918.

A GLIMPSE AT OTHER DAYS

Mr. Editor:

One of the compensations of advancing years' is that events of an earlier period grow fresh in all de-

GEORGE A. MUNDT

In accordance with the beautiful custom, the American Legion of Bethel named their unit for the first soldier of the town to make the supreme sacrifice, George August Mundt.

Mr. Mundt was born in Errol, N. H., May 26, 1898, the son of Fred A. and Bertha (Spinney) Mundt. He graduated from Gould Academy in 1916.

In May, 1917, he enlisted at Portland in the First Division, Seventh Field Artillery. In July he reached France and was on the front at the Sommerville Sector during October. By New Years, 1918, he was in action on Ansaerville Sector, and in Cantigny from April to June; at Montdidier Noyon in June and at Aisne Marne in July. He met death while serving the gun in an open field July 19, 1918.

He lies in the American Cemetery at Seringe Nesle, in the heart of the Marne Salient.

RALPH B. FROST

Mr. Frost was born in Bethel Dec. 31, 1891. He was educated in the public schools and at Gould Academy.

He went to Camp Devens in April, 1917, and there entered the 303d Regiment. Out of 42 applicants to join the "28th Machine Gun" Battalion, Mr. Frost was the only one to qualify. He saw active service at St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, and was killed Nov. 7, 1918, while fighting on the Defensive Sector.

He was a young man of fine character and courage, and is remembered fondly by his comrades and friends. His mother, Mrs. Irving French, is one of Bethel's Gold Star Mothers.

ALVIN E. CHAPMAN

Mr. Chapman was born in Bethel, the son of Lizzie (Smith) and the late Virgil Chapman.

He enlisted May 28, 1918, and after a few months' training was sent to France. Here he saw active duty and intensive action in the battle of Meuse-Argonne and was gassed in this attack. He was sent to a military hospital in North Carolina, but was discharged and came to Maine where he died April 8, 1920, as a result of his injuries.



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AUXILIARY OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Back Row: Mrs. Beatrice Grover, Mrs. Bernice Heath, Mrs. Olive Head, Mrs. Blanche Howe. Front Row: Mrs. Pearl Tibbetts, Mrs. Mabel Robertson, Mrs. Bertha Mundt, Mrs. Carrie French, Mrs. Naomi Bean

tails. The man or woman who cannot find satisfaction in reviewing other days and scenes merits our sincere compassion. You ask me to write of life in Bethel years ago and there comes up many interesting items but unfortunately I must write from memory and others may note errors in dates and perhaps coloring of facts.

As I write there rises before me the
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PAUL C. THURSTON

One of Bethel's most progressive citizens is Paul C. Thurston. With his family he lives on the J. A. Thurston farm in Mayville and conducts a dowl manufacturing mill at Hale.

Mr. Thurston was born in Newry, Maine, Dec. 2, 1887. He is the only son of the late Jacob A. and Flora (Dinsmore) Thurston. He was educated in the Bethel schools, Gould Academy and at Bates College.

Mr. Thurston married Miss Elsie Hall in 1911 and two children, Rosalie E. and Murray W., survive their mo-

ther. He married Miss Florence Perry in 1927.

Mr. Thurston is President and Treasurer of J. A. Thurston Co., Inc., and travels extensively in this country and Europe in the interests of the firm.

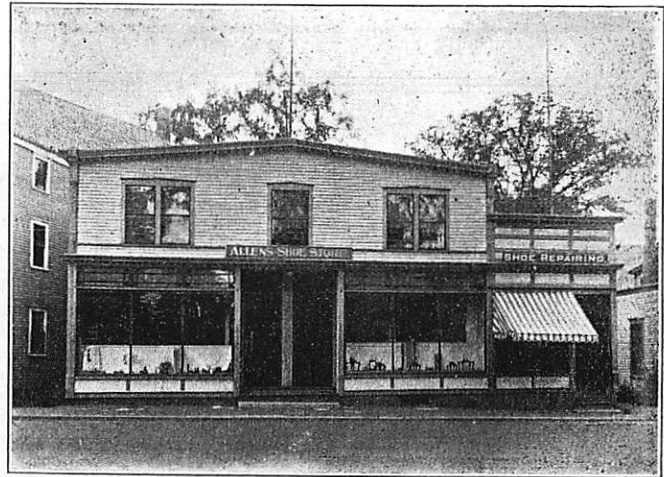
Large lumbering operations are carried on by the J. A. Thurston Co., Inc., in different sections of the County. For the past two years Mr. Thurston has cut birch in the vicinity of Richardson Lake, converted it into squares at the place of cutting, transported it by skow across the lake and hauled the squares by truck to the mill at Hale. He proposes to convey whole birch logs to his mill in like manner another season.

Mr. Thurston enjoyed the distinction of being a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in New York City in 1928 and has served the State of Maine for years as Democratic Committeeman from Oxford County.

He is prominent in local politics and is a member of the executive committee of the Rumford Community Hospital. He is a trustee and member of the executive board of the Rumford Falls Trust Co. and a trustee of the Bethel Library Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston are members of the Oakdale Country Club and are popular with the younger set. Mrs. Thurston serves the Community Hospital by being on the executive committee of the Woman's Auxiliary. Mr. Thurston is interested in the service clubs of his community and is a member of the Bethel Lions and Rumford Rotary.

The Thurston family have a summer camp, Willekennabacook Lodge, on Richardson Lake.



ALLEN'S SHOE STORE

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ELMER C. ALLEN

The subject of this sketch is proprietor of Bethel's most progressive boot and shoe store.

He was born in Bethel in 1880, the son of Lawrence E. and Sarah (Pike) Allen. His education was received in the schools of Bethel and for several years he was employed in the Merrill Springer Co. of this town.

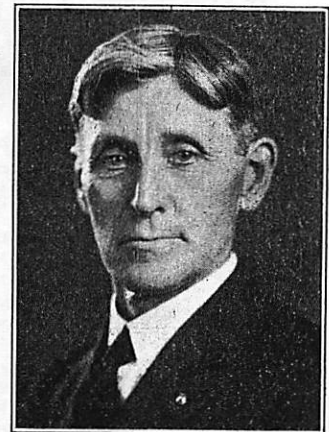
He married Miss Stella Allen and they have one son, Stanley W.

Ten years ago Mr. Allen bought the business of the late Elmer H. Young and has continued it with some changes since. What was formerly the harness rooms of the store are now devoted to hosiery and sporting goods, caps, sweaters, gloves, jackets, etc.

This store makes a specialty of corrective shoe fitting and carries a com-

plete line of ladies' and gentlemen's shoes, as well as all shoe accessories and needs of the children. They emphasize the popular lines of Dorothy Dodd and Enna Jetticks.

Several years ago Mr. and Mrs. Allen purchased the Fred J. Tibbetts stand on Main Street and here have made many improvements.



JOHN P. BUTTS

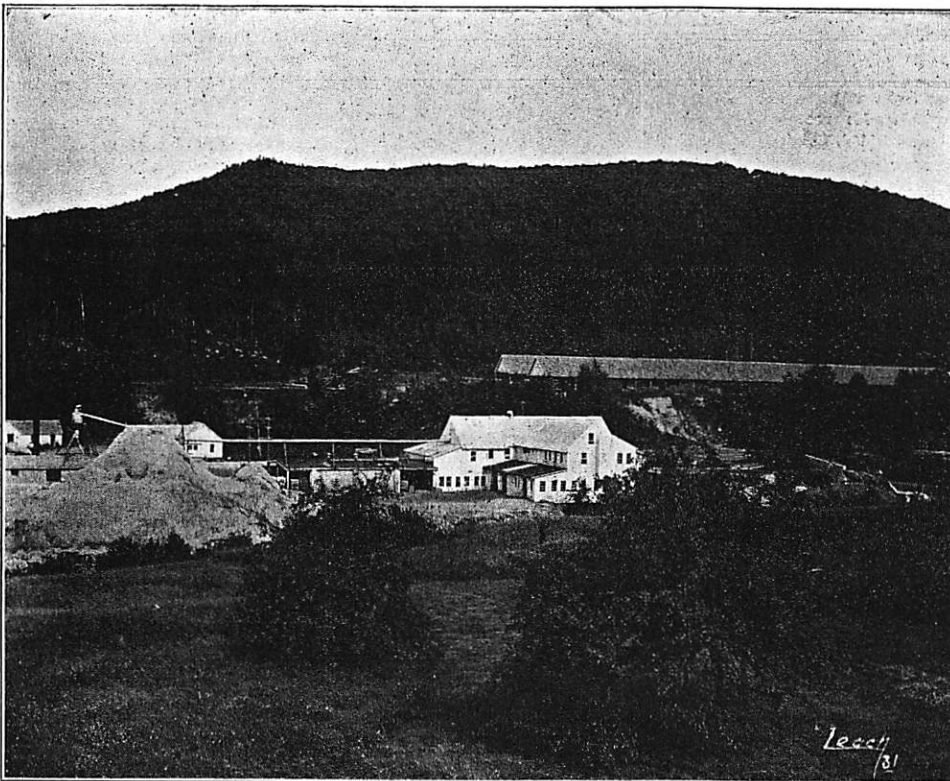
Mr. John P. Butts was born in New Portland, May 23, 1874, the son of John F. and Adeline (Savage) Butts. He received his education in the schools of New Portland and Gray's Business College.

He married Miss Elizabeth McNeil in 1901 and they have two daughters, Mrs. Arthur Cutler of Bethel and Mrs. O. G. King of Norridgewock.

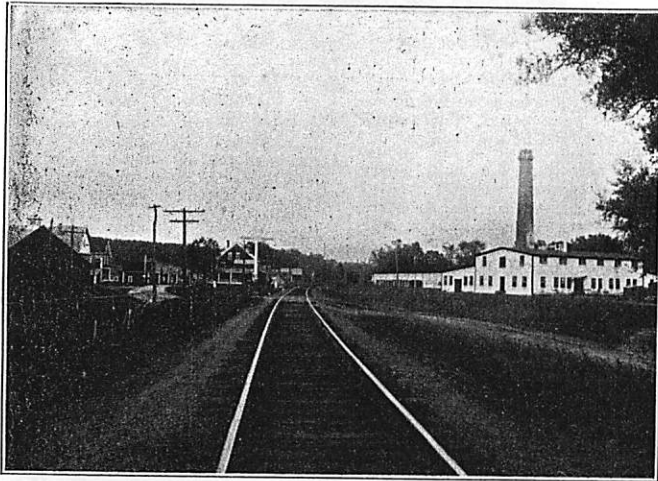
Mr. Butts was in the general merchandise and undertaking business at New Portland 17 years and later in the garage business at Farmington. In 1926 he bought the hardware business of G. L. Thurston and has since conducted a successful store, with a complete line of hardware, dishes, electrical appliances, paints and varnishes.

Mr. Butts is a member of the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, and Encampment; the Masons, Eastern Star, Chapter, Council, Kora Temple, and is a 32nd degree Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Butts live in the commodious apartment above their store on Main Street.



MILL OF J. A. THURSTON CO., INC., AT HALE



MILL AND BUILDINGS OF JULIUS P. SKILLINGS



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THOMAS LARUE

Mr. Thomas LaRue was born in Canada and received his education there. His parents were Dr. Thomas and Arbelles (St. Armand) LaRue.

When a young man of twenty, Mr. LaRue came to Bethel and entered the employ of the late Elmer H. Young in the manufacture and repair of harness and the cobbling business.

For 22 years he served his employer with efficiency and faithfulness and won for himself the esteem and friendship of the townspeople.

On the death of Mr. Young he engaged in business for himself at his present stand and does a high class repairing business for Bethel and all adjoining towns.

His roomy shop on upper Main Street is a popular rendezvous for the men of the town and throughout the winter months animated discussions of town and national affairs take place in the warm and cheerful shop, while "Tommy" mends shoes. Every working day of the year finds him at his bench and he is no union man either. Fourteen or sixteen hours is his average day and countless are the "soles" that he saves for thrifty folk.

Mr. LaRue married Miss Susie Ashe of Whitefield, N. H., and they have one daughter, Pauline. They have a snug residence on Paradise Street.

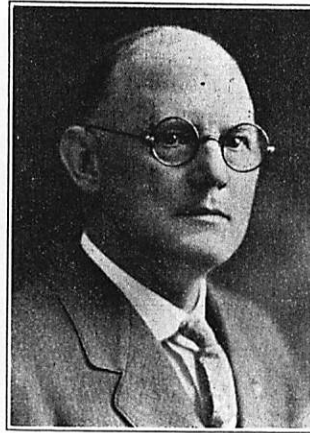
SKILLINGS SPOOL MILL

The mill of Julius P. Skillings in this town which produces annually millions of spools was established during the Civil War by D. N. Skillings of Winchester, Mass., and is one of the oldest in the country.

The late J. P. Skillings managed this mill for many years and was much loved by his employees. Around the mill has grown a prosperous little village, every resident loyal to the Skillings family and their forebears. A large store is managed here for the convenience of the mill workers and within recent years a Club room for recreational purposes has been added.

Since the death of Mr. Skillings in 1925, Mrs. Alice Skillings Robinson, now owner of the business, has directed her late husband's affairs at the mills and among the people.

This mill was the first of its kind to be run by steam, as in those days all wood turning mills were on streams and run by water power. At the time it was an innovation and the curious drove for miles by horse and buggy and ox carts to view the steam mill. Hence the former name of the village, Steam Mill village, but now known as Skillingsville in honor of its founders.



FRED B. MERRILL

The son of Edmund Merrill, Jr., and Emma (Bean) Merrill, started life in the same house in which he is now living.

He attended the common schools of the town, graduating from Gould Academy in 1896; Bowdoin College in



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EUGENE A. VAN DEN KERCKHOVEN
General Chairman of Sesqui-Centennial Celebration

1900 and Harvard Law School in 1905. During the years 1905 to 1912 he was associated with Herrick & Park in the practice of law and the management of Bethel Savings Bank and Bethel National Bank, leaving in 1913 to manage and edit the Oxford County Citizen. After seven years in the newspaper business he returned to the Bethel National Bank as Assistant Cashier, the position he now holds. He is also a Director of the Bank, a Trustee of Gould Academy, and Bethel Library Association, Secretary of Bethel Lions Club, and a member of the various Masonic fraternities including the Shrine.

EUGENE A. VAN DEN KERCKHOVEN

Mr. Van Den Kerckhoven is a native of Bethel, born on Cobblestone Farm June 4, 1900, the son of Alphonse and Emma (Jones) Van Den Kerckhoven. His education was received at Gould Academy and University of Maine.

Mr. Van served in the U. S. Navy in 1918-19 during the World War. He trained for service at the Naval Ammunition Depot in Hingham, Mass., and on the U. S. S. Admiral S. P. 967 plied between Provincetown and Nova Scotia.

He married Miss Jane Handy in 1927 and they have two children, Eugene A. Jr., and Lois Ann.

Mr. Van purchased the Ziba Durkee place on Paradise Road in 1929 and here has made many improvements.

He is associated with his father in the Van Tel. and Tel. Co., and is one of our energetic young business men.

He is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Eastern Star, and is the youngest member of the George A. Mundt Post.

LESLIE E. DAVIS

Mr. Davis, progressive business man and mill owner, was born in Grafton, Me., Dec. 2, 1892, the son of Sumner P. and Cora (Farrar) Davis. He was educated in the schools of Hanover and at Gould Academy.

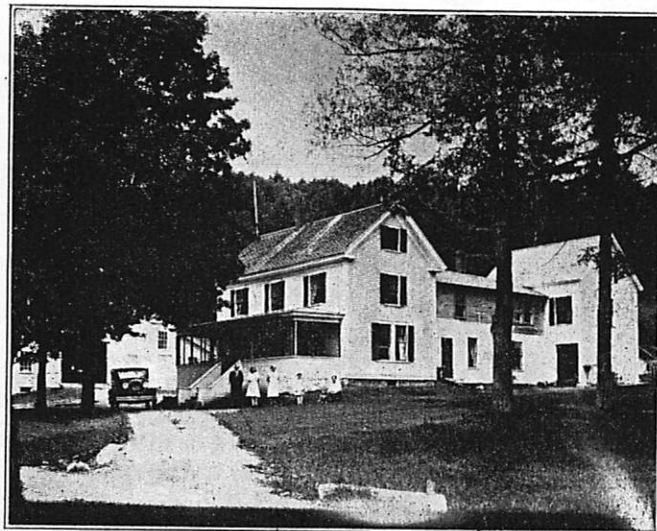
He married Miss Marie Swan in 1914, and they have three children: Richard L., Phyllis, and Kathryn A.

On completing his education Mr. Davis taught school for two years and then in Portsmouth, N. H., engaged in the wholesale grocery business. He worked in the railway mail service for three years and during the World War was employed in a gun factory in Erie, Pa. He returned to Newry and engaged in farming and managed a birch mill in that town for J. P. Skillings. He came to Bethel and for four years was an employee and then partner in Herrick's garage.

In 1926 Mr. Davis purchased the E. T. Russell place on the Middle Intervale road and later the Rufus Virgin lot on "Cedar Street" at the foot of Blake Hill. On these properties he runs two mills and does an extensive lumber business in both rough and finished material.

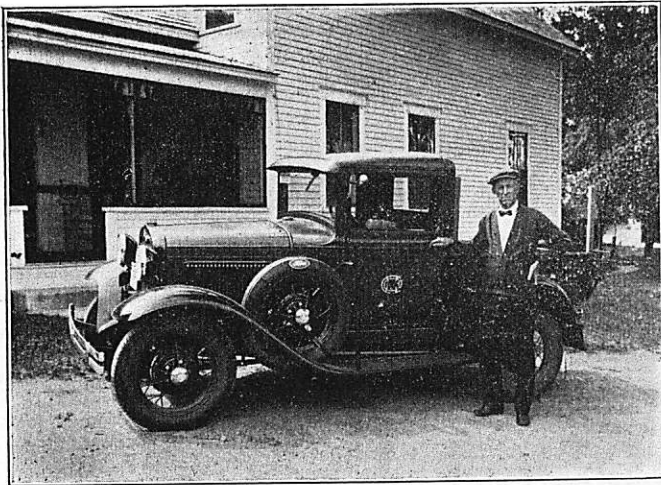
Mr. Davis is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M. He served as tax collector in Newry four years and is serving Bethel in the same capacity for the sixth year.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have made many improvements in the former Russell homestead and have a pleasant and modern farm home.



RESIDENCE OF LESLIE E. DAVIS

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HENRY P. AUSTIN

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HENRY P. AUSTIN

Mr. Henry P. Austin was born in Michigan in 1878. His parents were Rev. Henry and Carrie (Maxim) Austin and they moved to South Paris when Mr. Austin was five years old.

He married Miss Ava Hibbard of Shelburne, N. H., and they have two sons, Charles and Maynard.

Mr. Austin received his education in the South Paris schools and for three years worked with the Oxford Light Co., in Norway.

He came to Bethel 22 years ago and was employed by the Merrill Springer Co. as an engineer and then as an electrician. Ten years ago when Mr. Springer severed his relationship with the company Mr. Austin became manager and treasurer of the Bethel Light Co. which he successfully managed for four years.

Six years ago the Central Maine Power Co. purchased the rights and properties of the Bethel Light Co. and Mr. Austin remains with them as their capable manager in this place.

When Bethel first enjoyed the boon of electric lights 22 years ago, Mr. Austin threw the switch on that happy occasion, and ever since he has been the town's reliable and expert electrician. He is kept very busy installing appliances in this age of electri-

city. When first coming to Bethel he bought the Pingree house on Vernon Street and now has a model home of convenient arrangement and modern equipment. Both Mr. and Mrs. Austin love good books and their possessions bespeak their tastes.



GUY L. THURSTON

Mr. G. L. Thurston was born in Errol, N. H., in 1865.

Mr. Thurston has lived the greater

part of his life in Bethel and has served his town in many ways.

He was engaged in the lumbering business for 32 years.

For four years he was road commissioner and for eight years post master in the town of Bethel.

Mr. Thurston is a member of the Bethel Lions Club, Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., Strathglass Commandery, and Kora Temple.

He is generous and public spirited.

CLARENCE M. BENNETT

Mr. Clarence M. Bennett was born in Gilead Aug. 7, 1892. His parents were Robert L. and Belle (Bemis) Bennett. He was educated in the schools of Bethel and married Miss Violet Morrill in 1916. They have two children, Margaret I. and Laurence D.

Mr. Bennett was a lumber scaler for the Brown Company for eight years. He has been in the automobile business 17 years and for the past ten has been located in West Bethel. He conducts a first class garage and service station and makes a special line of Chevrolet Sales and Service.

He is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Eastern Star. With his family he occupies a modern bungalow in the village of West Bethel.

BETHEL INN

"This Inn stands as a visible expression of appreciation of an unusual physician and of gratitude for the inspiring personality shown in the work of John George Gehring, M. D., and has been made possible through the recognition of Horace S. Sears, Boston, Mass.; Robert Winsor, Boston, Mass.; Charles W. Hubbard, Boston, Mass.; William J. Upson, Cleveland, Ohio; William Bingham, Cleveland, Ohio."

This inscription in bronze is placed above the fireplace in the lobby of Bethel Inn.

Located on almost the exact spot of the old Prospect Hotel, this present building was erected in 1914 and is the last word in convenience, comfortableness and charm.

A nine hole golf course adjoins the gardens at the rear of the Inn and is unsurpassed for natural location and beauty.

The flower beds, gardens and shrubs of the Inn are worthy of special comment and never fail to receive it, for Mr. Horace Annas, the chief gardener, has the eye of an artist and great sorcery with growing things.

The guests that frequent the place do much to make the streets of the town gay and colorful and the townsfolk look forward from season to season to their appearance.

Mr. Samuel N. Blackwood is the genial manager, coming here from the Copley Plaza in Boston where he had been as assistant manager 13 years. Mr. and Mrs. Blackwood have found a popular place for themselves in the social and church life of the town.



SEEN IN THE PINE CONES' BLAZE

Addie Kendall Mason

Strange how down the echoing ages
Ring the tales we heard when young,
Legends of the old time settlers

Told to us by aged tongue.

One comes dancing through the fire-
light

From the Land of "Faraway"

Whispering of a dark haired maiden
Who once roamed, like Woodland
Fay.

Up and down the streams that wan-
dered

Through our forests dense and wild;
Never did she fear the "Pale Face"

Though she was a red man's child.
Lithe she was like graceful birch tree,

Swift as swallow in its flight,
Silent as the wings of darkness,

Eyes that shone with mystic light.

And her heart was filled with kind-
ness

While her hands were trained to do;
Weaving baskets from the grasses,

Paddling fast the birch canoe,
Bringing from ravines so distant

Herbs to soothe the sick or lame,
Skilled in all the ways of wild life

—And "Mollockett" was her name.

After some fleet word of warning
Of some dangerous foe near,

Or a deed of helpful kindness
She for months would disappear.

And the lonely woman settler
Watched and longed to see her face,

Fearing she had perished somewhere
Or rejoined her Indian race.

Then some day all unexpected
From the forest's deepest shade;

Decked with flowers of brilliant colors
Came the noiseless stepping maid.

Stooping o'er the rough-hewn cradle
Of a sick and walling child,

Crooning softly Indian love words,
Soon to sleep it was beguiled.

By kind deeds and words of wisdom
Was this Indian maiden known,

And much love the people gave her
In the years that long have flown

And when troubles walked beside her
And her tribe no help could give,

'Twas the hand of loving settlers
Helped her many years to live.

Often in the silent night time
Which no sound of discord mars,

Softly zephyrs bring her last words,
"Let me die beneath the stars!"

Then kind hands so gently bore her
Out 'neath gleaming stars of night;

While her dark eyes watched their
splendor,

Her brave spirit took its flight.

Mary Agatha they named her
When her aged head bowed low

To receive baptism waters
In the days of long ago.

Yet we, who cherish legends
Of her loyal deeds so brave,

Love to know the name "Mollockett"
Marks the stone above her grave.

Mollockett was an Indian woman of the Pequakett tribe and was well known to the first settlers of this valley. Her knowledge of the woods was remarkable and her skill in caring for the sick was of great help. She was quick to see a joke—differing from many Indians in that respect. Bethel was a favorite place with her. She often camped near what is now Robert Sanborn's farm. Her last years were spent with a family named Bragg in Andover, where she died Aug. 2, 1816. In the cemetery in that town a marble slab marks her resting place.



GARAGE OF CLARENCE M. BENNETT

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ALTON BARTLETT

Mr. Bartlett was born in Hanover, Maine, in 1895, the son of Martha and the late Charles P. Bartlett. His education was acquired in the public schools, at Gould Academy and at Portland Business College.

Mr. Bartlett has been associated with his mother from boyhood in the management of her large timber holdings throughout Oxford County, and farms on a large and modern scale at his beautiful farm home in Hanover.

He is public spirited and has been on the board of selectmen in his town for 10 years and served on the school board six years.

Mr. Bartlett is interested in politics and was elected as Democratic member of the Legislature in 1923 and 1925.

He is active in Masonic circles, always is first to promote progress in his home or adjoining towns and can be counted to give time and money for the community's betterment.

ALBION W. HERRICK

Mr. A. W. Herrick was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the son of E. H. and Harriet N. (Grant) Herrick.

He received very little education in school, but of a high intelligence he has acquired knowledge from many sources and is a man of attainment.

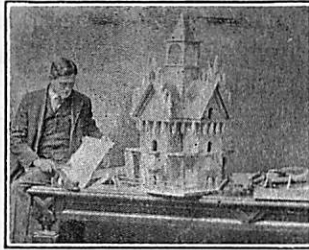
Fifty-three years ago he married Miss Jennie H. Mumler. They had two children, Walter, now dead, and Ernest C., who has been station agent at New Gloucester, Maine, for 20 years.

Mr. Herrick has always been interested in machinery and spent many years of his life improving and inventing machines for the New England Spool Market. With his brother, E. A. Herrick, he owns the Herrick Brothers manufacturing plant, is president of the company and takes some well-earned leisure to indulge his chosen hobby, music.

His pastime is making violins and during the past ten years he has made seven fine ones of splendid tone. His latest work is one of imported Swiss maple and a thing of delicate craft and exquisite beauty.

Mr. Herrick is a fisherman of no mean skill and is familiar with every trout stream far and near.

In their cheerful home on Vernon Street he and his wife enjoy their books, their radio and their friends.



HERBERT I. BEAN

Herbert I. Bean was born in Albany in 1871, the son of Amos G. and Angie C. Bean. He was educated in the public and high schools of Waterford.

He married Miss Maude M. Cross March 24, 1897 and they have six children: Herbert R., principal of Bethel Grammar School; Mrs. Harvey Jones of Auburn, Mrs. Robert York of Andover, Adelaide, Florine, and Muriel.

For many years Mr. Bean has been in the contracting business. He was located in Lewiston but on account of ill health came to Albany and for a few years kept a general store.

Eight years ago he came to Bethel and purchased the N. F. Brown house on Spring Street and has modernized it and converted it into a pleasant home.

Mr. Bean has his lumber and sales rooms on Main Street where he carries a complete line of lumber, building material, finished material and all accessories that pertain to the needs of carpentering.

During the winter Mr. Bean conducts a fur business, buying and selling raw furs, hides and pelts. He is an independent buyer and one of the largest dealers in the County. Practically all of his stock is sold to New York furriers. He also carries a complete line of traps, guns and ammunition.



Mr. Bean is an Odd Fellow and a member of the Methodist Church. He and Mrs. Bean are both interested in the religious life of the town and ever willing to help a worthy cause.

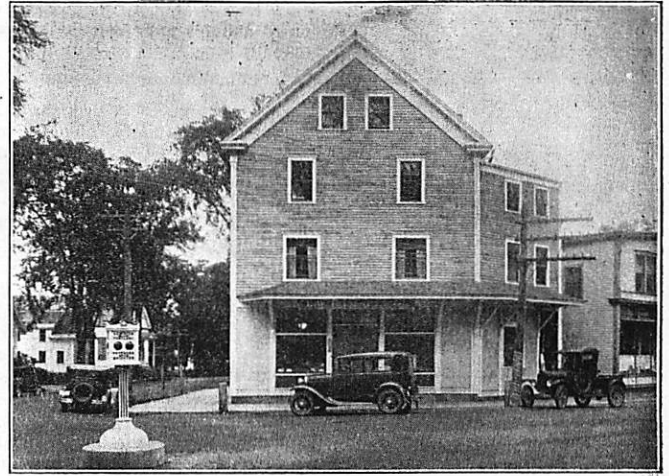
STAR LUNCH

Frank R. Flint, Proprietor

Frank R. Flint was born in Fryburg Aug. 7, 1874, moving to Bethel with his parents when he was seven years old.

He was educated in the Bethel schools. Mr. Flint married Miss Blanche Penley in 1897 and they have two children, Henry W. of Bethel, and Mrs. C. H. Swan of LaLoutre, Que.

For 20 years Mr. Flint was employed in the Bethel chair factory. For the past seven years he has been manager and proprietor of the Star Lunch on lower Main Street. This popular restaurant serves both regular meals and lunches and makes a specialty of home cooking.



STORE OF L. W. RAMSELL CO.

Goddard Studio

ERNEST F. BISBEE

Ernest F. Bisbee was born in Newry, Nov. 14, 1889. His parents were W. F. and Ellen M. (Frost) Bisbee. His education was received in the common schools, Gould Academy and Bowdoin College.

After school years Mr. Bisbee was employed in the store of Ceylon Rowe & Son and at the outbreak of the war entered the army and was stationed at the Officers Training School at Camp Zachary Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1919 he united with the firm of L. W. Ramsell Co., and is now the junior partner of this successful house.

On Aug. 3, 1924 he married Miss Ethel Philbrick of Turner and that year built an attractive home on Spring Street.

Mr. Bisbee is a member of Bethel Grange, Purity Chapter, O. E. S., and George A. Mundt Post. He is prominent in Masonic Circles, being a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., Oxford Chapter, Strathglass Commandery and Kora Temple. At present he is assessor of the Bethel Village Corporation.

Mrs. Bisbee is a most popular teacher and principal of Bethel's primary

LLEWELLYN W. RAMSELL

The store of L. W. Ramsell Co. is located at the corner of Main and Church Streets. Since 1875 this stand has been called Honest Corner and was formerly the site of the store of Gilman P. Bean. Honest integrity and fair dealing gave it the name in olden days and it may well be called the same today.

This roomy and up-to-date store carries a complete line of staple and fancy groceries and a well equipped meat department.

L. W. Ramsell was born in South Boston, Mass. He has lived many years in Bethel and married Miss Addie M. Holt of Albany in 1889. They have two daughters, Miss Adelaide and Miss Kathryn. The family has a town house on Broad Street and spend their summers in a modern cottage on the shores of Songo Pond.

Mr. Ramsell has a fine personality and is popular alike with residents and visitors of the town. He is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., and Mt. Abram Lodge, I. O. O. F.

school. Both she and her husband are eminent in local affairs and have many friends.



THE STAR LUNCH

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WILLIAM E. BOSSERMAN

Mr. William E. Bosserman is Bethel's popular druggist and on Main Street has a large and well equipped store.

His father was the Rev. Alexander Bosserman, Universalist minister, who preached in Bethel many years ago.

Mr. Bosserman was educated in the schools of Winthrop and Bethel and began his apprenticeship as a pharmacist in the store of G. R. Wiley, of which he is now proprietor.

He married Miss Jennie Perry of West Paris in September, 1893, and they have one daughter, Mrs. E. L. Brown of Bethel.

Mr. Bosserman worked and studied in Boston and Norway, and after a special course of study in pharmacopoeia work at Bowdoin College, passed the required State Board examination, became a registered druggist and has settled in Bethel where he has gained success, and what is of more importance, many friends. He is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M.

In his modern store he makes a specialty of his prescription depart-

ment, and his chief clerk, Mr. Alton Carroll, is also a registered pharmacist.

Mr. and Mrs. Bosserman have a model home with perfectly kept lawns, on Church Street, adjoining the Universalist Church.

ERNEST M. WALKER

Mr. Ernest M. Walker was born in Lovell, Maine, April 24, 1865, the son of the late Seth and Mary Ellen (Mason) Walker.

In his early boyhood his parents came to Bethel here his father engaged in the hardware and lumbering business.

Mr. Walker was educated in the Bethel schools, graduated from Gould Academy, and took a course at Gray's Business College. Following school he became connected with his father's business. When the hardware branch of the firm was sold to N. F. Brown he continued with his father in his lumbering interests and still has timber tracts in various parts of Oxford County.

Mr. Walker later associated himself with the well-known firm of Byron Greenough & Co. of Portland, with whom he remained some 25 years until the condition of his father's health made it necessary for him to return to his home in Bethel.

Mr. Walker has always interested himself in matters of a public nature and all things pertaining to the town's welfare. He is president of Bethel National Bank, a member and secretary of the Board of Trustees of Gould Academy.

He is a Shriner, a 32d degree Mason and has advanced through the York and Scottish rites of that order. He is a charter member of the Bethel Lions Club and a member of the United Commercial Travellers.

In politics he is a Republican and has always been a ready worker for party interests. A Universalist in religion, he has long been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bethel Universalist Church.

For some years past Mr. Walker has spent his winters in Florida where he is interested to some extent in growing citrus fruits.



RESIDENCE OF ERNEST M. WALKER

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WILLIAM LADD CHAPMAN

Mr. Chapman was born in Bethel June 6, 1841. His parents were Gilman and Mary Ann (Brown) Chapman. His education was received at the town schools and Gould Academy.

In 1866 he married Eleanor Frost and they had eight children: Gertrude E., Grace B., Mary C., Gilman, Alonzo F., and Sarah B. They had a son and daughter who died in infancy.

In 1870 Mr. Chapman built the house in which he now lives. This farm has been in the Chapman name for over 100 years, being originally a part of the farm of George Chapman, an uncle of William. The house where B. Patterson now lives was the George Chapman homestead and the old elms in front of the house were planted by George and his brother Gilman.

Mr. Chapman has been a lover of horses from early boyhood, and has owned many fine ones during the past 75 years.

From 1870 to 1890 he was a dealer in cattle in company with P. C. Soule of Freeport, making frequent trips with droves to that town.

With the exception of a few months spent in Berlin, N. H., with his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, during the winter of 1927. Mr. Chapman has lived his entire life in Bethel.

He enjoys good health but owing to

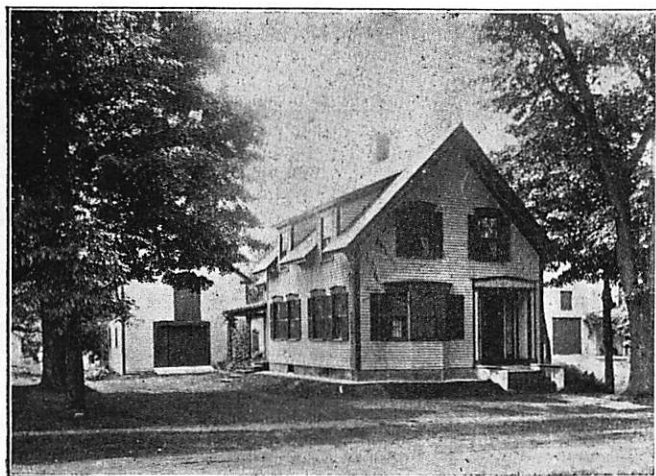


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ERNEST M. WALKER

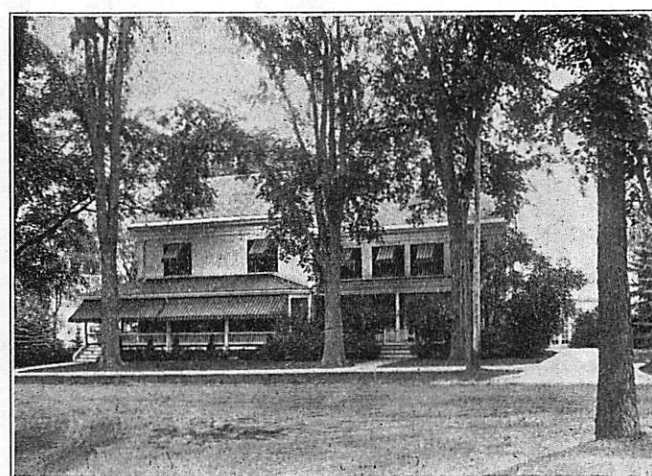
failing eyesight is unable to read, but has the papers read to him daily and is much interested in what is going on in the world. His hearing is good, he is optimistic and uncomplaining. He is the oldest man in town and the Boston Post came was presented to him in 1928.

Mr. Chapman attributes his long life to temperate habits and the ability not to worry.



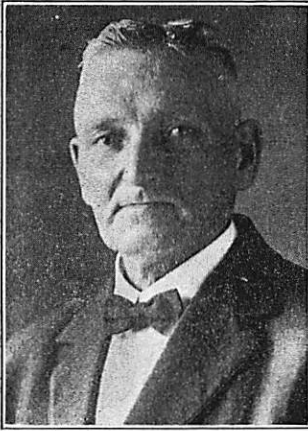
RESIDENCE OF W. E. BOSSERMAN

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RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM J. UPSON

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EDGAR A. HERRICK

Edgar A. Herrick was born in Greenwood, Maine, in 1865, the son of E. H. and Harriet N. (Grant) Herrick and received his education in the public schools of Greenwood.

He married Miss Addie Brooks, now deceased, and they have four children: Arthur E. and Gardiner of Bethel, Mrs. Paul Staples of Rumford and Mrs. Margaret Norton of Portland.

Mr. Herrick has always been a machinist and a musician. For 20 years he worked in the mills of the late J. P. Skillings. For 30 years he has been in Bethel in business with his

brother, A. W. Herrick, in the Herrick Brothers machine shop. A brother, G. M. Herrick, was formerly a partner, but has been dead 20 years.

The Herrick Brothers invented and perfected the spool and novelty machines that are generally used at present and manufacture and ship them to various parts of Canada, Michigan, Mexico, Finland, and other countries.

Mr. Herrick comes of a musical family, is a born musician and has raised a musical family. At various times during his life he has organized and conducted bands. For 25 years he has had an orchestra in his own family, and a good one too! At present Mr. Herrick, his son Arthur, his daughter-in-law Eva Glines Herrick, and two granddaughters, Kathryn and Barbara, make up the musical group. Mr. Herrick can play any instrument, but rather favors the clarinet.

He is a member of Fraternal Lodge, No. 118, K. of P., at Bryant Pond.

His favorite diversion is hunting and fishing. His home is in Kimball Park.

In 1838 the first bridge was built across the Androscoggin at Bethel. In 1839 the great ice freshet in January carried it away.

The last Bethel survivor of the Indian Raid was Isaac Abbott who died in 1861, aged 99 years.



STORE OF BEAN & FOX CO.

Goddard Studio

CLARENCE K. FOX

Mr. C. K. Fox was born in Eddington, Maine, Nov. 11, 1872, the son of David A. and Eva (Rowe) Fox. He was educated in the schools of Errol and Milan, N. H., and Bethel, Maine.

He married Miss Eva Bryant Dec. 14, 1899. They have one adopted daughter, Marion Bean Kimball.

Mr. Fox became associated with Calvin Bisbee in 1892 in the store he occupies at present. After a few years he bought the business and operated alone. Eight years ago he formed a partnership with Herbert I. Bean and the firm incorporated with the name Bean & Fox Co. Mr. Fox has since purchased and now controls the entire stock of the company.

This store is a popular marketing center, for here is found a fresh supply of groceries, bakery products, fresh vegetables, and meats. Courteous clerks give efficient service.

Mr. Fox is vice-president of the Bethel National Bank and one of the assessors of the Village Corporation.

He is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Eastern Star, Mt. Abram Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Sunset Rebekah Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Fox are members of the Methodist Church.

They have a pleasant home on Mason Street, are home loving people and good neighbors.



EMERY RAY BOWDOIN

Mr. Bowdoin was born in Prospect, Maine, the son of Frank M. and Olive J. Bowdoin. His education was acquired at Coburn Classical Institute, University of Maine, and Harvard College.

He married Miss Abbie C. Thurlow of Orono, June 28, 1911, and they have one daughter, Olive Dorothea, 16, who is a senior in Gould Academy.

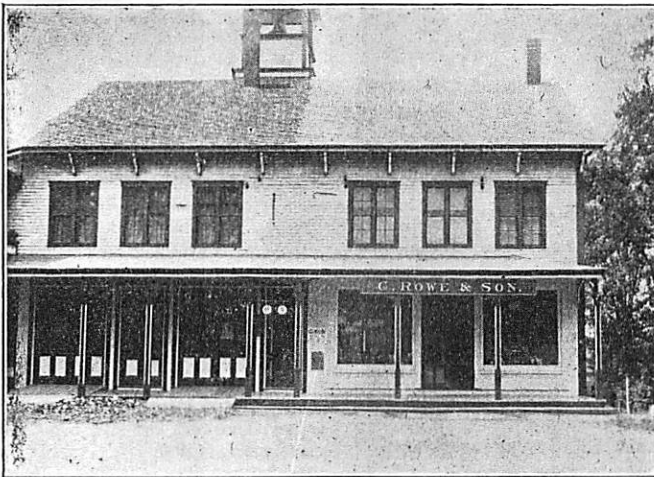
Mr. Bowdoin has served as Principal of Corinna Union Academy, and as superintendent of schools in the following districts: New Sweden, Richmond, Livermore Falls, Bucksport, Lubec and is now serving the town of Bethel in that capacity. He is a former president of Sagadahoc and Washington counties teachers' associations.

He is a member of the Masonic orders, Eastern Star, is high in the rites of Odd Fellowship, and belongs to the Rebekahs. He is a member of the Bethel Lions Club and the Maine Teachers' Association.

Mrs. Bowdoin is the popular music teacher in Bethel's public schools and Gould Academy.

Mr. Bowdoin has done much to promote progress in the schools and has recently been elected for another three year term as superintendent of schools.

The first town meeting in Bethel was held at the house of Gen. Amos Hastings Aug. 15, 1796.



STORE OF CEYLON ROWE & SON

Goddard Studio

HERBERT C. ROWE

Herbert C. Rowe is one of Bethel's successful business men and one of her most loyal citizens. He was born in this town Oct. 26, 1877, the only child of Ceylon and Mellie (Grover) Rowe.

He was educated in the town schools and Gould Academy and fitted for college at Chauncey Hall, Boston.

Thirty-five years ago he became associated with his father in business in the commodious store adjoining Bethel Common. This store has a reputation for honesty and fair dealing which it has enjoyed and deserved since 1865 when it first opened its doors, then owned by a co-partnership of which Mr. Rowe's father was the senior member.

Mr. Rowe married Miss Alice Russell July 5, 1907, and they have two children, Herbert R. and Rosalind M.

Mr. Rowe is active in town affairs and at present is a member of the school board. He belongs to Bethel Grange, Sudbury Lodge, No. 22, K. of P., and Bethel Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M. He is allied with Kora Temple and Strathglass Commandery.

The Rowes have a summer camp on South Pond at Locke's Mills and a hunting lodge in Grafton Notch. The family home is the old Rowe homestead in Kimball Park which they have occupied since the death of Mr. Ceylon Rowe in 1922.

Mr. Rowe is public spirited and generous and ever-ready to work for the community's betterment.



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HERBERT C. ROWE

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J. B. HAM GRAIN CO.

John M. Harrington, Mgr.

John M. Harrington was born in Greenwood, Maine, the son of Michael H. and Ellen (Driscoll) Harrington, May 27, 1896.

He was educated in the public schools and graduated from Gould Academy in 1914.

Mr. Harrington farmed for a while and then entered the employ of the American Express Co. at Portland.

During the World War he saw service in France and returned to Bethel in 1919.

The J. B. Ham Co. was then located in the Bisbee Block and Mr. Harrington entered the employ of that company. Five years ago they moved to their present convenient quarters on Main Street by the station and Mr. Harrington is manager.

He is a member of the Eastern Star, Knights of Pythias, Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., and the American Legion.

He has served as Deputy Sheriff and at present is town treasurer, a position of trust he has capably filled for two years.



THOMAS I. BROWN

D. GROVER BROOKS

Mr. D. Grover Brooks was born in Upton, April 9, 1892, the son of the late Aldana and Mary (King) Brooks.

His education was acquired in the Upton schools, Gould Academy and at Burdett Business College in Boston, Mass.

He married Miss Alice Joy in 1919 and they have two sons, Dana G. and Donald E.

Mr. Brooks saw service during the World War at St. Mihiel, France, as a member of the machine gun company in the 109th Infantry.

He has been in business for himself since 1917, when he purchased the hardware business and buildings of the late N. F. Brown on Main Street.

One of these he has converted into a roomy and comfortable dwelling and here he and Mrs. Brooks have their home and offices. Mrs. Brooks is town clerk and is completing her ninth year in that capacity.

Many changes and improvements have been made in the store and now it is fully equipped with general hardware, dishes, porcelain and enamel ware. Sheet metal, furnaces, heating appliances and plumbing supplies and service make up Mr. Brooks' line.

He is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., Eastern Star and American Legion, and was town treasurer for eight years.

THOMAS I. BROWN

Mr. Thomas I. Brown was born in Greenwood on Oct. 17, 1893, the son of the late Oscar W. and Clara (Smith) Brown. He was educated in the schools of Greenwood and graduated from Gould Academy.

On Dec. 17, 1913 he married Miss Edith Thurston and they have two sons, Norris and Parker.

For six years Mr. Brown was employed in scaling lumber and then worked with F. J. Tyler in his box shop and at the carpenter trade.

He worked in the store of Ceylon Rowe & Son for eight years and was a popular clerk, leaving there two years ago to affiliate himself with the firm of Morton, Hall & Rounds, Inc., of Lewiston. This house deals in investment securities and Mr. Brown



STORE AND MILL OF J. B. HAM CO.

Goddard Studio

works in Oxford County, some sections of Franklin County and New Hampshire in selling and handling stocks and bonds.

Mr. Brown is a young man of push and energy and always to be depended on to help promote the interests of his home town.

He is a member of the Eastern Star, Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., Oxford Chapter, Ark Mariners, Strathglass Commandery, and Kora Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown live in the M. L. Thurston homestead on lower Main Street and are active in school and Church affairs.



DR. I. H. WIGHT

Dr. Wight was born in Milan, N. H., March 28, 1875, the son of I. C. and Philantha (Howard) Wight. He obtained his education in the public schools of Milan, Berlin High School, and Kent's Hill Seminary. He attended the Wesleyan University of Middletown, Conn., and graduated from the University of Vermont in 1901.

He married Miss Angie L. Paine of Milan, N. H., and they have one daughter, Vivian A. Dr. Wight began the practice of medicine in East Corinth, Vt., and after one year there came to Bethel in 1902, where he purchased the Wormell house on upper Main Street and here resides and has his



CLEO A. RUSSELL

Miss Cleo A. Russell was born in West Stewartstown, N. H., but has lived in Bethel for 40 years.

She was educated in the public schools and at Gould Academy and taught school for several seasons following her graduation.

She was employed in the Bethel post office as assistant to the late J. C. Billings, and for four years was bookkeeper in the Bethel National Bank. She was appointed postmaster at Bethel in 1922 and still holds this responsible position.

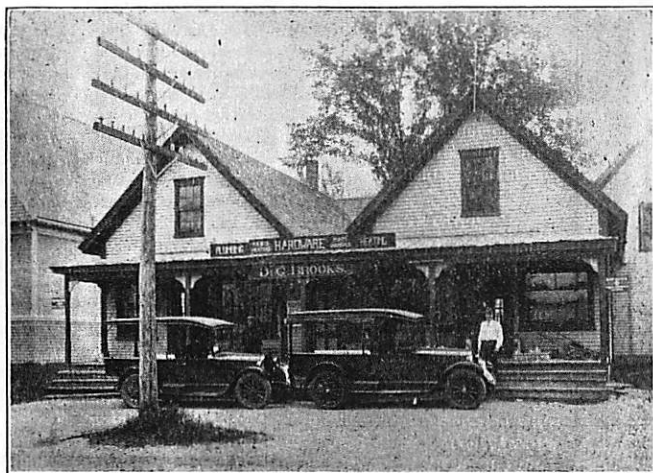
Miss Russell is courteous, efficient and popular; just in her decisions and firm in her friendships.

She is a member of Sunset Rebekah Lodge and Naccomi Temple, Pythian Sisterhood, and has her home in Kimball Park.

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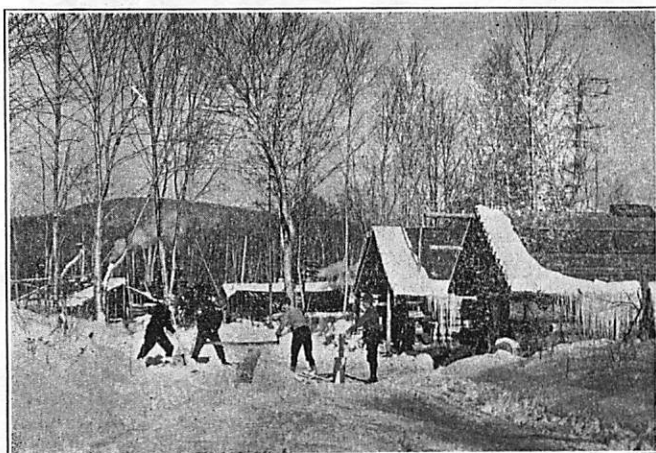
Dr. Wight holds many positions of trust in his adopted town. He is President of the Bethel Savings Bank and trustee of Gould Academy. He has served on the school board.

He is allied with the Mt. Abram Lodge of Odd Fellows and Sunset Rebekah Lodge. He is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., Eastern Star, Strathglass Commandery, and Kora Temple.



STORE OF D. G. BROOKS

Goddard Studio



"IN THE WOODS" FOR WADE H. THURSTON
WADE H. THURSTON

Wade H. Thurston was born in Newry, Maine, in 1884. His parents were Mortier L. and Lois (Eveleth) Thurston.

He was educated in the town schools, Gould Academy and at Bliss Business College. He married Miss Kathryn Day in 1911 and they have four children, Mary, Floyd, Josephine and Christie.

After completing his education Mr. Thurston began lumbering with his father and for many years conducted extensive winter logging operations on Richardson Pond, Black Brook and Wilson's Mills in the employ of the Brown Company of Berlin, N. H.

At the death of his father twelve years ago he formed a partnership with his brother, Ray, of Andover.

HARVEY N. BRAGDON

Capt. H. N. Bragdon was born in Sullivan, the son of Capt. Jesse H. and Elizabeth (Dunn) Bragdon. He was educated in the public schools, at Hancock and Lamoine High Schools, and attended Bridgton Academy.

He served at sea with his father several years, becoming first mate on a three-masted schooner, and was attending high school when his father was lost at sea during a hurricane in the West Indies.

He later went on steam vessels, advancing to the position of pilot and captain and for several years commanded towing steamers.

He located in South Paris about 20 years ago and engaged in the motion picture business in around this section of the county and at one time operated ten or more theatres, including Odeon Hall at Bethel where he is now located. He has installed the latest talking picture apparatus and always aims to give clean, interesting and educational entertainment.

Five years ago he purchased the property at Snow Falls Inn and here has made many improvements, including cabins and interior changes, and its furnishings include many fine specimens of antique furniture.

This place is capably managed and is a popular resort of local people and tourists.

Each year since they have lumbered in and around Andover Surplus and Wilsons Mills. This year they are filling a contract for the International Paper Co.

Mr. Thurston is a farmer on a large scale and raises thoroughbred cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston, with their popular family, live in an attractive modern house on lower Main Street,



DR. RAYMOND R. TIBBETTS
Goddard Studio

Dr. Tibbetts was born in Palermo, Maine, Sept. 11, 1875. His parents were Woodbury and Cynthia (Stearns) Tibbetts.



STORE OF IRVING L. CARVER

Goddard Studio

IRVING L. CARVER

Irving L. Carver was born in Jonesport on June 16, 1886, the son of Captain J. H. and Carrie (Woodward) Carver. He was educated in the town schools and Jonesport High School.

He came to Bethel as clerk in the general merchandise store of the late Edwin C. Rowe about 25 years ago, and following Mr. Rowe's death he succeeded him in the business.

Mr. Carver married Miss Ruth Homstead of Skowhegan in 1924 and they have two children, Priscilla and Irving Lee.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Carver are prominent in local affairs and Mr. Carver is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., Strathglass Commandery, Kora Temple, Eastern Star, Bethel Lions Club and The American Legion. He is active in the Bethel Lions Club.

With his family he lives in the fine Rowe homestead on Broad Street.

For twelve years Mr. Carver conducted his business on the plan of the general store, but the changing of times brought a change in the nature of the business and for the past 10 years he has been in the wholesale oil business, being a distributor for Shell Eastern Petroleum Products, Inc. He handles Shell gasoline, kerosene, motor oil, range oil, and fuel oil. His trucks are constantly on the road supplying a large demand of the retail stores and filling stations in Bridgton, Harrison, Norway, South Paris, Bethel, and sections of Franklin County.

In the spring of 1774 Nathaniel Sagar came from Newton, Mass., and started clearing a farm in what is now Hanover. That fall he went back to Newton and enlisted in the Revolutionary War, serving with the Colonial Army two years and nine months. He then returned to Bethel with Jonathan Bartlett. They brought kettles and made maple syrup while clearing their farms.

In 1785 occurred the first death in Sudbury Canada. James Mills, while cutting trees on Grover Hill, was struck by a tree and instantly killed.

In 1835 the land on Main Street from Frank O. Robertson's dwelling to that of Mrs. M. L. Thurston was an alder swamp.



SNOW FALLS INN, WEST PARIS, H. N. BRAGDON, PROP.

L. M. STEARNS

The L. M. Stearns store was first opened in Bethel by Mrs. M. G. Bradbury and Miss Stearns in the spring of 1901. They were located in the store on Main Street then owned by Howard Thurston.

The partnership was dissolved after one and one-half years, Mrs. Bradbury returning to West Paris and Miss Stearns continuing the firm under the name L. M. Stearns.

Miss Stearns then had as her very able and faithful assistant, Miss Bessie Kenney, who remained with her until her marriage to Harold Stanley of this town.

Since then Miss Stearns has had her cousin, Mrs. Annie Stearns Willey, who came to her in September, 1906, acting as milliner, clerk, buyer and general factotum.

As the business grew the need of larger quarters became evident and in 1920 they took possession of the brick block at No. 3 Broad Street, then owned by William Hastings.

For 30 years Miss Stearns has conducted an up-to-date millinery and fancy goods store. The changing of times has necessitated frequent changes in the nature of the merchandise but the honest methods of business and wish to give full value for money received remain the same in the establishment of L. M. Stearns.

MITCHELL A. NAIMY

Mr. Naimy, during the last ten years, has done much of a civic nature for the central part of Bethel and we here give him a word of deserving praise.

He was born in Bayreuth, Syria, May 3, 1832, the son of Abraham and Susie Naimy. He was educated in the schools of Portland and 20 years ago engaged in the clothing and dry goods business in that city, being in business with his brother for some time.

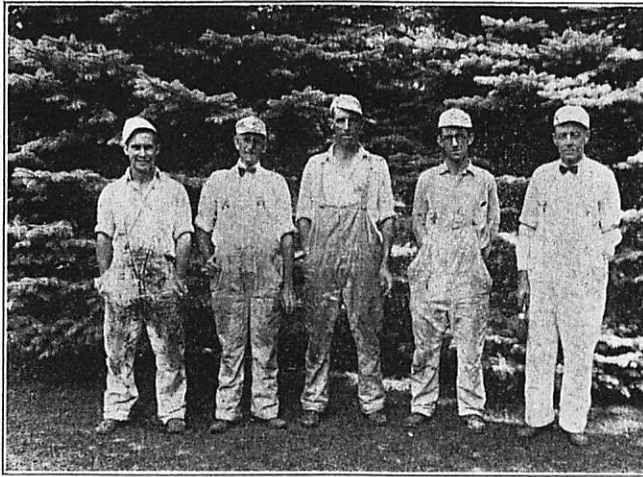
Success attended his every effort and in 1921 he came to Bethel and the next year built the Naimy block. In doing this he rendered a real service in making an attractive brick building where previously had been an unsightly old house and store. In 1923 Mr. Naimy bought the old grain mill and converted it into two modern stores. In 1930 he purchased the Upton farm at Northwest Bethel.

He married Miss Marie Baker in 1929 and they have two sons, John A. and William M.

He has a fine and up-to-date store and carries a complete stock of ladies' and gentlemen's furnishings and clothing. He specializes in Endicott Johnson shoes.

Mr. Naimy served during the World War as company mechanic at Camp Devens. He is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., and the American Legion.

In 1821 Dr. Timothy Carter organized the first temperance society in Bethel.



MILLARD CLOUGH AND CREW

Goddard Studio

MILLARD F. CLOUGH

Mr. Millard Clough was born in Bethel, Oct. 25, 1885, the son of Orville D. and Ida (Holt) Clough. He attended Bethel schools and Gould Academy.

In 1909 he married Miss Frances Brown and they have four children: Maxine I., Mary F., Fillmore B., and Ida Lee.

Mr. Clough has painted since he was fifteen years old, beginning to work with his uncle, Ed Holt, who was a skillful painter and taught him well.

No one can do a finer job of interior

decorating and paper hanging than Millard and his crew. They do some of the finest houses in Oxford County and challenge anyone to excel their workmanship.

Mr. Clough is a member of Oxford Lodge, I. O. O. F., Sudbury Lodge, K. of P., and Col. C. S. Edwards Camp, S. of U. V.

His brief vacations from work are spent in hunting and fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clough and family live with their aunt, Miss Vira Holt, in her old homestead on Mill Street and take an active part in working and contributing for the good of the town.



RESIDENCE OF HERMAN MASON

Goddard Studio

HERMAN MASON

Mr. Herman Mason was born in Bethel in 1874, the son of William W. and Hepzibah Eames (Kimball) Mason. He attained his education in the town schools, Gould Academy, Bridgton Academy, and Shaw's Business College.

He married Miss Pauline Dodge in 1906 and they have one daughter, Elizabeth Ayers.

Mr. Mason lives on the farm that his father and grandfather owned before him. This is one of the oldest farms in Bethel, formerly the Joseph Greely Swan farm and has been in the possession of the Mason family for over 100 years.

Mr. Mason is a farmer and comes of a long line of farmers and lumbermen.

He is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, and Bethel Grange.

He is very active in town affairs and has served on the Board of Selectmen. Mr. and Mrs. Mason, from their country home, take an active interest in all school and church affairs of the town.

In 1814 Dr. Moses Mason sold two and a half acres of land, including the house lots of Mrs. Lizzie Griffin and Wallace Warren on Main Street, for a clock case.



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DR. WIDD B. TWADDLE

Dr. Twaddle was born in Bethel, Mar. 11, 1884, the son of Harriet (Brown) and the late Dr. John A. Twaddle.

He attended the town schools, Gould Academy, and Bowdoin Medical School.

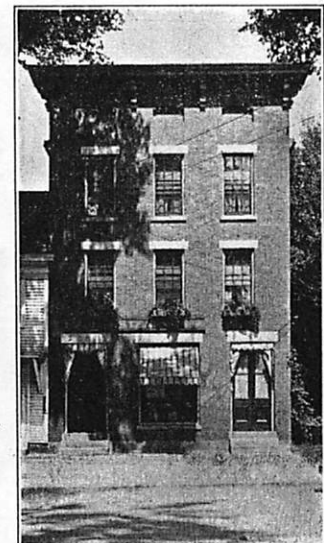
In 1910 he married Miss Agnes Brooks of Upton and they have one son, John A.

Dr. Twaddle began the practice of medicine in Fryeburg in 1909 and for eight years enjoyed a popular and successful practice in that town. Following the death of Dr. J. A. Twaddle in 1918, Dr. Widd moved his family to Bethel and assumed the responsibilities of his father's large practice.

Like his father, he is interested in the educational affairs of the town, has served several terms on the school board, and is school physician at the present time.

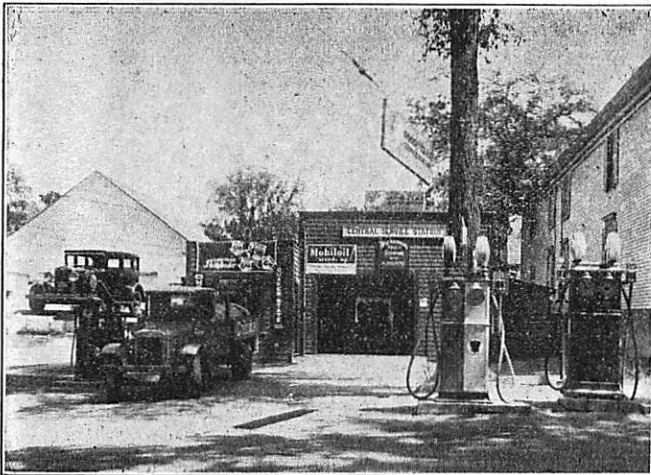
Dr. Twaddle is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., Strathglass Commandery, Kora Temple, the Eastern Star, and the Bethel Lions Club.

Four years ago Dr. Twaddle purchased the J. U. Purington residence on lower Main Street, made many improvements in the house and grounds, and today this home is one of the finest in Bethel.



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STORE OF L. M. STEARNS



CENTRAL SERVICE STATION

Goddard Studio

J. B. CHAPMAN

Mr. J. B. Chapman was born in Newry, Maine, July 23, 1890, the son of Virgil and Elizabeth (Smith) Chapman. He was educated in the public schools of Newry.

Mr. Chapman is a machinist of experience and for six years was employed in the Portsmouth Navy Yard as ship fitter.

In 1925 he married Mrs. Eva Eames and they have one daughter, Mary Lou.

Eight years ago Mr. Chapman purchased the Central Service Station on Main Street and has since done a steadily increasing business. This season he has opened the Central Filling Station on Railroad Street in addition, and this new place with a lunch room adjoining is rapidly making friends. At both places a complete line of Goodyear tires, tubes, accessories, gas and oil is carried. Washing and greasing is done promptly.

Mr. Chapman is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M.

He has a summer camp in Newry where he goes with his family for recreation on the rare occasions when his business will "let him off for a day."



FRANK A. BROWN

Mr. Frank A. Brown was born in Waterford, Maine, April 3, 1870, the son of Josiah A. and Maria (Holt) Brown. His education was received in the schools of Norway and Peabody, Mass.

He was married April 2, 1891, to Alice A. Angier and they have eight children: Mildred (Mrs. Arthur Chapman), Adelmair, Edward, Harrie C., Katherine (Mrs. Byron Abbott), Phil-

ip, Warren, and Virginia.

Mr. Brown was in the grocery and provision business in Peabody from 1890 to 1893. He came to Bethel and engaged in farming until 1915 and then he discontinued agriculture and entered politics, serving the town as first selectman and road commissioner for 12 consecutive years.

Mr. Brown is a dyed-in-the-wool Republican and has represented the Bethel district in the State Legislature in 1925 and 1927.

He was re-elected road commissioner and first selectman of the town in 1931 and this position he fills with his usual energy and thoroughness.

That the good of his community is his first consideration is proven by the fact that during the legislature of 1927, Mr. Brown was directly responsible for the enactment of a bill giving Bethel ten thousand dollars (Bethel's share) toward the construction of the steel bridge over the Androscoggin river.

He is a member of the Congregational Church, a trustee of Bethel Savings Bank, member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., Mt. Abram Lodge, I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias, Sons of Veterans, and is a Granger.

With his family he occupies the J. A. Brown homestead on the northwest side of the river, and to their many friends and relatives their "latch string is always out."



REV. ROY CHESTER DALZELL

Rev. R. C. Dalzell was born in St. John, N. B. His education was received in the town schools of St. John and at Sackville University. He had four years of ministerial training in the Methodist Episcopal Conference.

In 1913 he married Miss Winnifred Oldfield of Sussex, N. B., and they have three children, Margaret E., Chandler O., and R. Franklin.

Mr. Dalzell began preaching at Prospect Harbor. He has served at Southwest Harbor, Machias, Danforth, Lubec, South Portland, Lisbon, and is entering upon his second year at the Methodist Episcopal Church in this town.

He is a singer of ability and though very modest in his musical attainments often delights with his splendid rendering of old ballads.

Mr. Dalzell is interested in the public playground in Bethel and has

given valuable assistance in organizing the Boy Scouts.

With his family he occupies the up-to-date Methodist parsonage on Mason Street.



Goddard Studio

FRANK C. BARTLETT

Frank C. Bartlett was born in Bethel in 1881, the son of Frank C. and Clara (Fairbrother) Bartlett. He was educated in the public schools and at an early age worked with his father in his woodworking and painting shop.

In 1902 he married Miss Ella Hutchins.

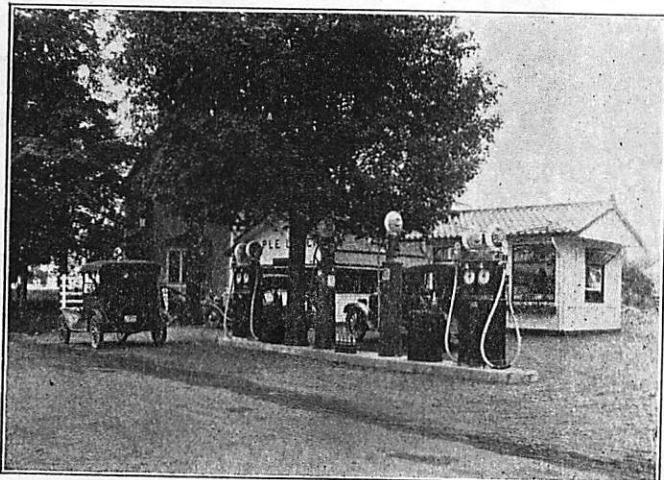
Twenty-seven years ago Mr. Bartlett began doing business for himself in the building used by his father, the same one he occupies as a shop today. This is the carriage shop on Mill brook, erected during the latter part of the eighteenth century and a landmark indeed. Here in 1781 following the last Indian raid, the soldiers sent from Augusta to protect the settlers drilled on the plank bridge spanning the stream in front of the shop. This building was originally erected and owned by Joseph Twitchell whose son Eleazer here managed a carding and woolen mill and later a grist mill and this activity is given credit in the early textile history of New England. For more than a hundred years it has been a carriage and blacksmith shop, as such, first owned by Moses T. Cross, then by Pluckney Burnham and for more than 50 years been in the possession of Mr. Bartlett and his father.

The nature of the business has of necessity changed with the times. Today Mr. Bartlett uses the knowledge of his craft on truck bodies and motor farming machines and is prepared to do any sort of a job that requires skill in the handling of wood or iron. He is a first class painter.

Mr. Bartlett enjoys hunting and fishing as a relaxation from his work and he and Mrs. Bartlett live in a snug cottage on Mill Street and enjoy many friends.

This town was originally called Sudbury Canada, from the fact that many of the early settlers were from Sudbury in Massachusetts, and that the new township was somewhere near Canada.

In 1808 the first representative, Ephaz Chapman, was sent to the Massachusetts legislature.



CENTRAL FILLING STATION

Goddard Studio



FRANK E. HANSCOM, Ed. D.
Principal of Gould Academy Since 1897

GOULD ACADEMY

For nearly one hundred years Gould Academy has made Bethel the educational center of Northern Oxford. In it the people of Bethel and vicinity take just pride, and toward it they have been liberal in moral and financial support. It has sent out into the world hundreds of men and women of character and ability, who have won honor and distinction for themselves and reflected credit upon their Alma Mater. Its graduates are found in nearly every state of the Union and even across the sea. Ever progressive, it has moved forward by leaps and bounds in recent years. Its standards, its methods, its ideals are such as the most earnest educators of the present day are approving; its buildings and its equipment are among the best to be found in any secondary school in the State, and the variety of its courses give ample opportunity for young men and women to lay the foundation for whatever line of endeavor they may wish to follow in later life. Upon certificate of the Principal, its graduates are admitted to all colleges that accept students on certificate. In fact, the outstanding purpose of its management, "To make Gould Academy a school where young men and women of limited means may secure the best in secondary education at minimum cost" is fast being accomplished. The school has already outgrown the capacity of its recitation building, and its registration must, of necessity, be restricted until more ample accommodations can be provided.

Especially care is taken to secure and retain teachers of character and scholarship, teachers who intend to make the profession of teaching a life-work, teachers who have qualified themselves by special training in their several departments. The close attention to the individual needs of each pupil is a special feature of the school. Being under the almost constant oversight of their teachers, the students are trained to habits of regularity and application, and receive, in the fullest

F. PERLEY FLINT

Deep in the heart of the Maine wilderness the subject of this sketch has created a haven for world-weary folk and sportsmen. Bosebuck Camps nestle near the base of old Bosebuck Mountain, at the forks of the Big and Little Magalloway.

F. Perley Flint was born in Bethel, Maine, in 1873. His parents were Frederick A. and Lucinda (Bennett) Flint.

Very few opportunities were available for Mr. Flint to secure schooling when young, but by self-application and much association with good books he has acquired a liberal education. A keen student of nature, he translates with ease the secrets of the great out-of-doors.

He married Miss Maenette Littlehale in 1903 and they have two daughters, Mrs. Theodore Heway and Miss Marguerite Flint.

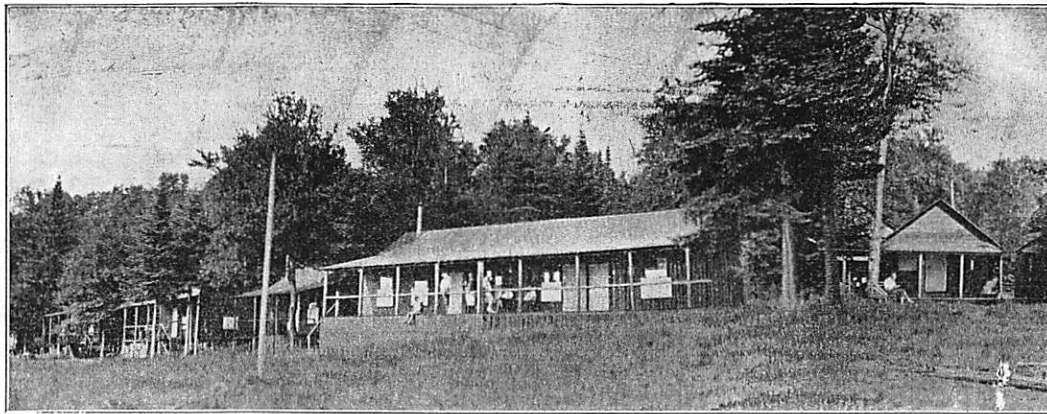
In early life Mr. Flint was a guide and his love of the forests and streams and his appreciation of the health and happiness that go hand in hand with them, prompted him to start Bosebuck Camps in a humble way 20 years ago. Success has accompanied his hard work and honest endeavor and now 24 fine and substantial log cabins with all modern equipment and facilities make up the camps.

On the shore of the river, among the towering pines and the giant yellow birch of another era, these cab-

degree, the benefits which come from close personal association with their instructors.

The faculty for the coming year, as recently announced, is as follows:

Frank E. Hanscom, Ed. D., Principal, Latin; Percy F. Crane, B. S., Head-Master, History; Ella K. Litchfield, Preceptress, French; Carroll P. Bailey, M. S., Sub-Master, Science; Clayton F. Fossett, A. B., English; Kathryn Hanscom, A. B., Latin and Mathematics; Margery E. Bailey, A. B., Mathematics; Marjorie Thompson, A. B., Assistant in English; Ordell H. Anderson, B. P. E., Manual Arts and Physical Education for Boys; Lucy A. Kellogg, Household Arts; Eleanor L. Nelson, Vocal Expression and Physical Education for Girls; Wilbur R. Myers, Commercial Department; Mrs. E. R. Bowdoin, Vocal Music; Mrs. Nellie L. Brickett, Instrumental Music.



FLINT'S CAMPS—AT THE JUNCTION OF THE BIG AND LITTLE MAGALLOWAY—A PARADISE

ins cluster with the magnificent panorama of the distant hills before them. Small wonder that from May 15 to Nov. 15 of each year guests from Maine, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and many sections of the middle west return to this paradise for fishing, hunting and refreshment of soul.

BETHAVEN

One of the oldest houses in Bethel and Oxford County is the one now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clemens and known as Bethaven. It was built in 1800 by Moses Mason and has been the scene of many interesting events in early Bethel history.

Situated at the approach to the Androscoggin river bridge, its picturesque location, extensive lawns and immense shade trees make it one of the most attractive estates in the State.

For a number of years it was the residence of Prof. Wm. R. Chapman of musical fame. He is responsible for the two huge fireplaces with stone from every state as well as many other touches of genius which make the interior unique.

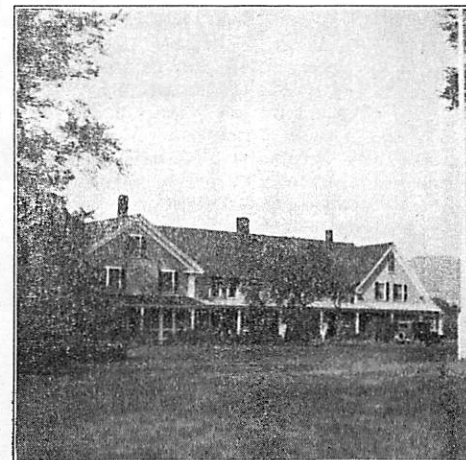
At one time stage coaches stopped here; now automobile parties find ideal accommodations.

The barn that once sheltered fine horses and cattle has been transformed into Mr. Clemens' studio. It is here that "Puppetmaster" Marionette equipment is designed and made for use in homes, schools and churches.

Here one can see the costumes, pro-

perties, scenery and mute actors from Mr. Clemens' productions: "Robin Hood," "Rip Van Winkle," "Robinson Crusoe," "Hansel and Gretel," "The Merchant of Venice," and others in the process of making.

These famous actors are taking a

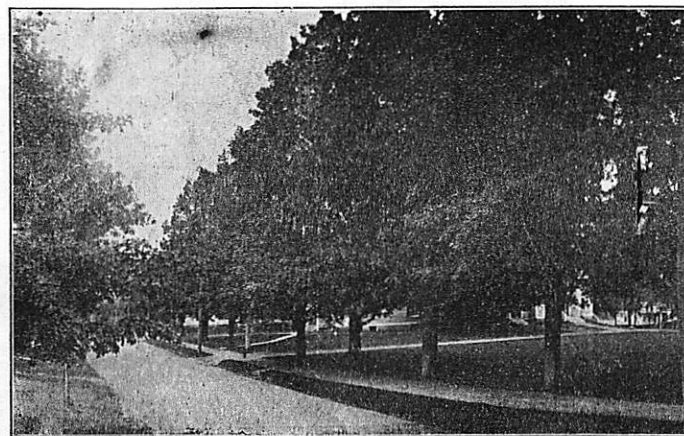


BETHAVEN—RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. PAUL CLEMENS
"A Haven For Motorists"

well earned rest until Fall when they will again take to the road and through the magic touch of their creator, in voice and action, will delight young and old in every state.

The studio is open to visitors by appointment.

Bethaven is known as a "Haven for Motorists,"



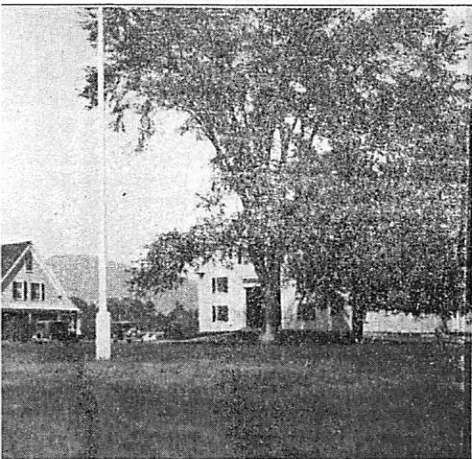
A GLIMPSE



A PARADISE FOR NATURE LOVERS IN THE MAINE WOODS

DR. TIMOTHY CARTER

Timothy Carter was born in Ward, Mass., in 1768. He was the oldest of several children. His father was killed when Timothy was eleven years old and he went to Sutton to live with an uncle, attended the public schools,



HOME OF MR. AND MRS. PAUL CLEMENS
Heaven For Motorists"

and improving every opportunity to get an education. He began teaching in nearby towns at the age of fifteen, and later began the study of medicine with Dr. James Freeland, who had been Surgeon General attached to Washington's staff.

In 1793 he married Frances, the oldest daughter of Dr. Freeland, and

practiced medicine with his father-in-law for several years.

In 1799 Dr. Carter, his wife and three sons, came to Bethel and established themselves at East Bethel, later building the brick house at Middle Intervale still occupied by his descendants. He interested himself in everything that would be of benefit to the little community, especially the schools. His practice took him over a wide area, but he seems always to have found time to visit the schools regularly and encourage all to seek an education.

By his first marriage he had six sons and one daughter. He managed to send the sons to Phillips Exeter and Andover and later to Dartmouth and Yale. One son became an Episcopal clergyman, three were lawyers, one becoming judge of probate, one was a merchant in New York City, and one was a doctor. Two of them were sent to Congress—one from Maine, the other from New York. He was determined that other boys and girls of Bethel should have more educational opportunities than was possible to get from the grammar schools. So he turned to his warm friend and sympathizer to make this dream a reality, and was the one who persuaded Mr. Gould to give his all to found Gould Academy—and he drew up the will. He was chosen president of the first board of trustees and until the day of his death worked for the advancement of the school.

His account books, still in exist-

BETHEL THE BEAUTIFUL

Adelaide M. Gordon

O beautiful for s'ately trees
That temper light with shade,
The maples and the branching elms,
Where birds their nests have made;
And beautiful for forests deep,
Where sunbeams trickle through!
In such retreat, 'mid silence sweet,
Do souls their strength renew.

O beautiful for verdant lawns
Around the village homes,
And beautiful the friendly Inn
To which the glad guest comes,
The fountain's play, through all the day,
On the Common's tender green,
Where 'mid the walks through shrubs
and stalks
The strolling guests are seen!

O beautiful for buildings reared
On learning's ancient seat;
The new Academy, whose bell
Rings out the summons sweet;
Gymnasium and Students' Home
Near these are quickly found,
And the Principal's Home,—with
which a man
His benefactions crowned!

O beautiful for waters clear,
For rivers, ponds, and brooks,
Whose murmuring music sweetly
cheers,
Makes green the sylvan nooks!
From pure founts burst to quench our
thirst
And guard our homes with health
The Chapman beverage, and we bless
Its never-failing wealth!

O beautiful for green-walled roads
That lead to many a grove,
To stony basins, foaming falls,—
Grand views where'er we rove!
To mineral springs one road soon
brings,
Where tiny geysers spurt,
Then on through hills whose splendor

tence, would be the envy of modern accountants, not only showing method and exactness, but a great diversity of interests.

There are no records that Dr. Carter possessed the slightest degree of humor. He was austere and punctilious, no less with his own children than with strangers. Perhaps he inherited these characteristics from a direct ancestor. The Rev. Thomas Carter, who was the first minister to be ordained in America, claimed to have inherited through his mother, the bible of the great English martyr, John Rogers, and wrote of those who witnessed his persecution, "Let them sink in the deep, stagnant pool of oblivion, or swelter in the ever seething caldron of eternal disgrace."

thrills,
By towering mountains girt!

O beautiful for meadow lands,
And many a fruitful field,
For blossoms sweet, for root and vine,
The bounties which they yield!
The Bethel farms have peaceful
charms
Contenting those who toil;
Such beauty lies 'neath spacious skies
It graces all the soil!

O beautiful for mountains grand,
Whose tops are kissed by beams
Of earliest day; o'er which at eve
A sea of glory streams!
O Bethel town! A sacred town,
Clothed thus in majesty!
That path of light beyond the night
The way to Heaven might be!

O beautiful for history,
Begun by pioneers,
And written e'er in dauntless deeds
Adown advancing years!
No Indian raid could make afraid
Those stalwart, sturdy men.
(Her loyal sons with ready guns
Defend her now, as then!)

O beautiful for prophecy!
Her forward-gazing eyes
See yet new visions in the east,
New glories still to rise!
On Bethel town, our native town,
May God His grace bestow:
That in more ways, through future
days,
Her loveliness may grow!

ANASAGUNTICOOK HOUSE

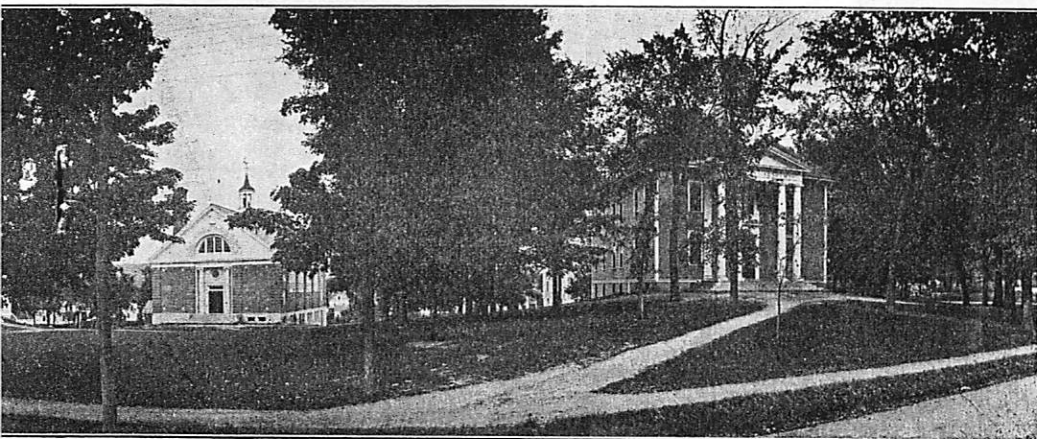
Bethel's Summer Resort More Than 70
Years Ago

Few if any of the many who travel up or down the valley on the north side of the Androscoggin river remember or know that about four miles above Bethel village is a once famous chalybrate spring. This spring is on the northwest side of the highway on the farm owned by Sylvanus Mason and son Seth for many years. Icy cold the waters bubble up, never affected by heat of summer or chill of winter. They are strongly infused with minerals; iron, sulphur and magnesia predominating. No doubt to some it will read like a fairy tale, that on the level place near the sand bank, before the war of the sixties, a large hotel, stable and out buildings, store, bowling alley and bath house were built, and both driving and saddle horses were kept for the convenience of its many guests.

John S. Chapman built the establishment and numerous health and pleasure seekers came here and for years the place was in a prosperous condition. In wartime Mr. Chapman went to the front as a soldier and Charles Philbrook of Shelburne, N. H., took charge of affairs. He was succeeded by John Kingsbury of Portland and for some time the house continued as a popular resort. On the evening of July 28, 1867 there was a beautiful wedding. The house was brilliantly illuminated, most lavishly decorated, and alive with merry guests bidden to the marriage of Mr. Kingsbury's daughter Carrie to John Brown Chapman. Rev. David Garland, loved and remembered by many was the officiating clergyman.

Following the Civil War the business began to decline and in a few years the buildings were sold, torn down and moved away. It would be hard for strangers to locate the spring now as nothing remains as evidence of the once beautiful grounds.

ADDIE KENDALL MASON.



A GLIMPSE OF THE GOULD ACADEMY CAMPUS



WILLIAM C. GAREY

Mr. William C. Garey was born in Norway Oct. 29, 1875, the son of John and Ellen Garey. He received his education in the schools of Norway.

He married Elizabeth Norris of Lowell, Mass., Dec. 23, 1899.

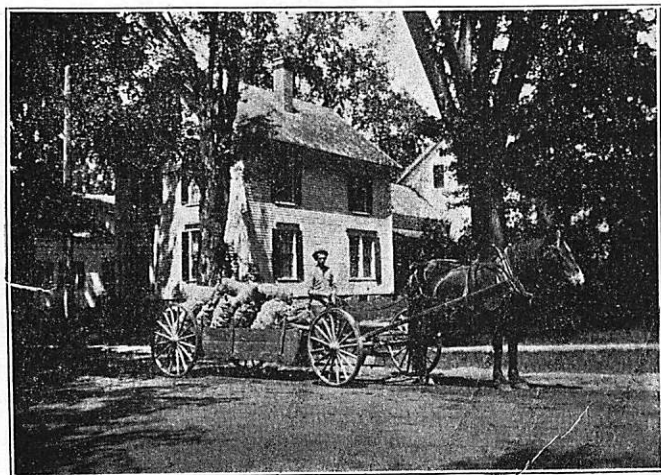
Twenty-eight years ago Mr. Garey opened a steam laundry in the Mason building on lower Main Street and for eleven years conducted a successful business there.

In 1916 Mr. and Mrs. Garey purchased some land on the crest of the hill on Mason Street and built a modern home with a beautiful view of the mountains.

Mr. Garey is manager of Odeon Hall and superintendent, secretary and treasurer of the Bethel Water Company. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Eastern Star, Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., Norway Chapter, Strathglass Commandery, and Kora Temple.

His recreation is hunting, fishing, and golfing. No social activity is complete without the Gareys and they are never too busy to help others.

In 1800 first schoolhouse was erected.



FRED A. GORDON

Goddard Studio



HON. HENRY H. HASTINGS

Henry H. Hastings was born in Bethel March 25, 1865, the son of St. John and Elizabeth (Atherton) Hastings. His education was acquired in the schools of Bethel, Gould Academy and at Bowdoin College.

He married Miss Ethel Richardson in 1916 and they have one son, Henry Harmon Jr., born Oct. 13, 1918.

Mr. Hastings began the practice of law in 1899 in the Hon. Richard Frye's former location, where he still holds office.

Mr. Hastings is active in State politics. He was a member of Governor Percival Baxter's Council in 1921-22. He has served on the Prison Commission since 1923. He represented Oxford County as the Republican representative to the legislature in 1905 and served two terms in the State Senate in 1907-1909. He is presiding Judge at the Oxford Probate Court and has a reputation for impartial judgments.

Judge Hastings and his family occupy a fine residence on Church Street.

FRED A. GORDON

Mr. Fred A. Gordon was born in Bethel May 31, 1870. He is the son of the late Dr. Charles W. and Mary (Barker) Gordon. He was educated in the town schools and at Gould Academy.

Mr. Gordon farmed for several years



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DR. SHERMAN S. GREENLEAF

Dr. Sherman S. Greenleaf was born in Starks, Maine, March 8, 1893, the son of Zeiber E. and Lena (Flu) Greenleaf.

His education was received in the schools of Starks, the Toronto Veterinary College, and at the Veterinary School of Ontario. He received a degree from the Massachusetts School of Embalming.

Dr. Greenleaf married Miss Mabel Stevens of Chesterville, Maine, and they have four children, Arlene M., Robert L., John S., and Sherman E.

Dr. Greenleaf has been located in Madison, Skowhegan, and in 1920 came to Bethel.

He is a popular mortician and veterinary and has many friends in and around the town.

He is a member of the Bethel Lions Club and Sudbury Lodge, K. of P.

Dr. and Mrs. Greenleaf are pleasantly located with home and office in the G. L. Thurston homestead in Kimball Park. Both are interested in the progress of the community and are generous with time and money in any worthwhile cause.

and is now an amateur gardener of marked success.

For many years he delivered kindling wood from the mill of Merrill Springer Co., and now continues for N. S. Stowell Co.

His team is a familiar sight on Bethel streets. He lives with his sister, Miss Addie M., in their fine old home on Church Street.

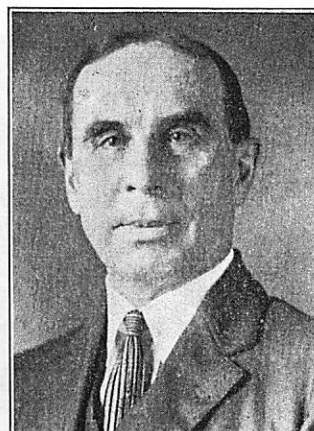
WILLIAM B. HALL

Mr. Hall was born in Bethel in 1872 and spent his school years here. He attended the public schools and Gould Academy.

When a very young man he went to Jackman, Maine, and engaged in guiding, hunting and trapping. This has been the life that he loves and none can beat and very few match him in his knowledge of firearms and the lore of the woods and streams.

Mr. Hall served the town of Jackman several terms as Deputy Sheriff and is now Bethel's efficient night watchman.

On the death of his father, the late Dana C. Hall, six years ago he returned to Bethel to live with his mother, Mrs. Alforetta Hall, in her artistic bungalow on Hall Street.



HENRY W. BOYKER

Mr. Boyker was born in Casco, Me., the son of William P. and Immogene Boyker. He was educated in the schools of Saco and graduated from Thornton Academy.

Mr. Boyker married Miss Gertrude Bailey and they have two daughters, Corinne and Marilyn.

Mr. Boyker played on the All Maine Interscholastic football teams in 1895-6-7, and was a volunteer in the Spanish-American War in 1898. For several years he was employed in hospital work and this experience renders him a valuable aid oftentimes in emergency illness among his friends and neighbors.

He came to Bethel in 1912 and has been employed in various capacities, and from 1922 to 1926 he was in the Bethel National Bank. For four years he was chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Bethel and gave of his best in the service of the town.

Mr. Boyker is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., Mount Abram Lodge I. O. O. F. and Bethel Grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyker have a summer home on Paradise Road, Camp Look-out, and here they spend much of the time. Mr. Boyker is a clever gardener and his strawberries and raspberries are the earliest and best.



Goddard Studio

WILLIAM B. HALL



Goddard Studio
DR. E. LINWOOD BROWN

Dr. E. L. Brown was born in Norway, Feb. 24, 1885, the son of Orin and Eliza (McDaniel) Brown.

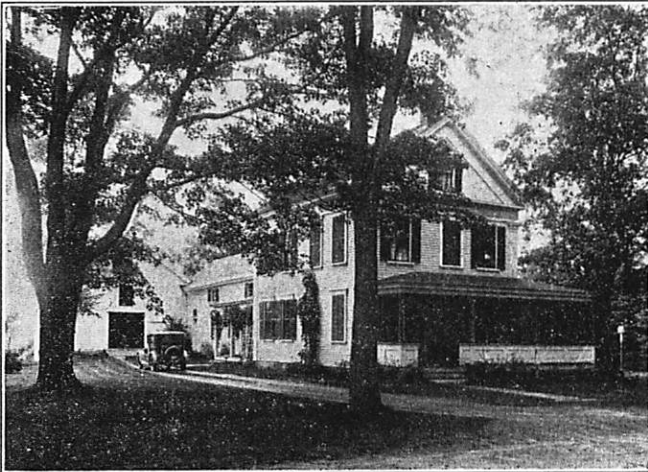
He was educated in the public schools of Norway, the Norway High School, and at Tufts Dental College. He opened his dental rooms in Bethel in 1910. In 1914 he married Miss Alice Swan and one son, Ernest L., survives his mother.

Dr. Brown has been in his present location in the Daniel Hastings block for 15 years. For years he shared the offices of the late Dr. Tuell and worked in collaboration with him.

Dr. Brown is a member of the Bethel Lions Club and the Eastern Star. His college fraternity is Delta Sigma Delta. He belongs to Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., Norway Chapter, Strathglass Commandery, and Kora Temple.

About ten years ago Dr. Brown purchased the Annie Frye property on Broad Street. He married Miss Mildred Bosserman in 1927. They have done much to beautify their house and grounds.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown are popular in a large circle of friends.



Goddard Studio
RESIDENCE OF DR. E. L. BROWN



Goddard Studio
PHILIP S. CHAPMAN

Mr. Philip S. Chapman was born in Bethel March 18, 1888, the son of Cora (Jackson) and the late Jotham Chapman. He was educated in the public schools, Gould Academy and Hebron Academy.

He married Miss Lena Everett of

South Paris, April 11, 1917. They have three children, Philip S., Virginia M. and Marion E.

For many years Philip worked with his father and from him learned the trade of house painter and paper hanger. For 25 years he has plied his trade in and around Bethel and various sections of Oxford County and has achieved success by giving honest value and doing fine work.

Times may be dull for this or that business but never for painters or paper hangers in Bethel.

Mr. Chapman is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Eastern Star.

His residence in Mayville was at one time the first meeting house erected on the south side of the river and stood beside the road opposite the house of M. J. Marshall. It was torn down, moved across the river and rebuilt as a general store by Alec Eames and Sam Twitchell who did business there for years.

Mr. Chapman has remodeled it and now has a delightful home. He and Mrs. Chapman are interested in the educational and church affairs of the town.



Goddard Studio
EDWARD P. LYON

Mr. Edward P. Lyon was born in Bethel June 27, 1875, one of five sons of Abial B. and Ella (Verrill) Lyon.

His education was received in the Little Red School House on Grover Hill and early in life he went to Auburn where he was employed in vari-

ous capacities and there learned the trade of clockmaker and goldsmith.

After 18 years in Auburn he returned to Bethel and bought out the business of George T. Lawrence in 1910. For six years he was located in the Hastings block as jeweler. Larger quarters were needed and in 1917 he moved to the spacious store he now occupies in the Cole Block.

In 1913 he married Miss Barbara Carter of Bethel and they have two daughters, Catherine C. and Barbara A. They have a pleasant home in Kimball Park.

Mr. Lyon is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., Oxford Chapter, Strathglass Commandery, Kora Temple, and the Eastern Star. His diversion from long hours of business is fishing and hunting and sojourning at the old Lyon homestead on Grover Hill.

Mr. Lyon's business has increased with the years and he now carries a large and complete line of ladies' furnishings, gifts, souvenirs, books, as well as his original line of silver, jewelry, watches and clocks. Atwater Kent radios are a feature of his stock.



MILL OF H. F. THURSTON & SON

Alma Cook of Standish and they have two sons, Howard F., 2nd, and Dale C.

On completing his education he worked two years for the Brown Company, and following that was in the employ of the Merrill, Springer Co. at West Bethel for five years. He came to Bethel in 1919 and became associated with his father in the mill located at the lower end of the village. This large mill for the making of dowels and glue pins is the H. F. Thurston & Son property and has a large yearly manufacture of these commodities. The market for the enormous output of this mill is all parts of the United States and some foreign countries. Mr. Thurston is own manager and travels widely in promoting trade.

He is interested in local politics and a member of the Bethel Lions Club.

Several years ago Mr. Thurston purchased the Horace Andrews house, and moved it to a spacious lot on Elm Street and converted it into a handsome and well fitted home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Thurston are prominent in educational and dramatic affairs of the town and can always be depended on to do their generous share.



Goddard Studio
HUGH D. THURSTON

One of the wide-awake young business men of the town is Hugh D. Thurston. Born in Newry, Maine, Nov. 25, 1886, the son of Tena May (Littlehale) and the late Howard F. Thurston, he received his education in the town schools and at Hebron Academy.

On Nov. 27, 1914 he married Miss

DANA C. PHILBROOK

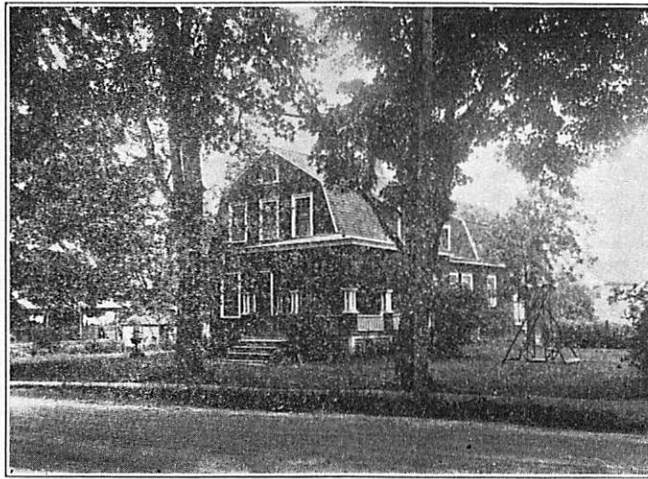
Mr. Philbrook was born in Bethel, April 26, 1871, the son of Samuel D. and Emily J. Philbrook.

His education was received in the public schools and at Gould Academy and he took a special training at Waltham Horological School.

He married Miss Grace E. Merrill June 3, 1896, and they have two children, Mrs. Ernestine Jackson and Clarence D., and two grandchildren, Joan and Barbara Jackson.

Mr. Philbrook is a watchmaker of many years experience and his work shop is located in his home on Mechanic Street.

He is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M.



RESIDENCE OF DANA C. PHILBROOK *Goddard Studio*

1931—
The writer would like to convey to the people who will take our places 25 or 50 years from now, some of the habits, customs, thoughts and pleasures of the average person living in Bethel in 1931, so that you who may read this in 1956 or 1981 may compare your lot with ours.

About everyone has an automobile of some kind, which will travel over our roads safely at the rate of 45 miles per hour. The majority of these cars cost approximately \$600 new, and 70% of the cars one sees are in this class, about 60% being purchased on the installment plan.

Our main thoroughfares are mostly of tarvia with stretches here and there of cement and macadam. Without doubt you in 1956 will have all cement roads, or something even better.

About everyone has a radio, this being invented only about eight years ago and every day becoming more active as a source of pleasure and interest. Recently we have heard a great deal of television, but as yet it has not been placed on the market.

We have two airplanes in Bethel. Many of us have been up, but there are still some who can not be induced to fly. It is now possible, and has been accomplished several times, for flyers to fly to almost any section of the world. There are established air routes between every important city. One wonderful record has just been made by two American aviators, who flew around the world in less than ten days.

Talking pictures afford a great deal of pleasure, these being improved upon every day. Very fine productions and talent have been given the public at very reasonable prices, hence their immense popularity.

Rents in Bethel are from \$12 to \$25 per month. Groceries are the lowest they have been in 20 years. Wages are from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per day for the ordinary workman.

For the past year and a half, we have been passing through the greatest depression of all times, and extending throughout the entire world. If, however, History repeats itself, conditions will be better before long.

We look back 50 years and see many changes that have taken place during those times and these, and try to imagine what the future holds for you. What changes and improvements you will be subject to, we can only guess. Nevertheless, please remember that with the things mentioned above, short skirts and prohibition? our lot could be worse.

Our last word to you is that we hope you, of 1981, will find life as good if not better, than we of 1931.

GEORGE N. THOMPSON.

In 1781 the handsomest white pine that ever could be cut sold for fifty cents a thousand! It was a good winter's work in those days when a man could haul enough lumber to the river with which to buy a yoke of oxen.

In 1797 the members of the West Parish raised \$120 to hire preaching for the ensuing year.



CARL L. BROWN

Mr. Brown is a native of Berlin, N. H., born July 3, 1893, the only son of Leslie and C. Luella (Kimball) Brown. His education was received in the Berlin and Bethel schools and at Gould Academy.

He married Miss Ruth Mason and they have five sons: Edwin L., Stanley L., Donald S., Irving W., and John K. Their oldest son Robert, a boy of unusual beauty of face and character, died in the summer of 1929.

Mr. Brown has always been connected with newspapers and printing offices and is the editor of The Oxford County Citizen. Following his student days he worked in the printing office where he is now editor and was employed on the Independent Reporter in Skowhegan for a while. In connection with the publishing of this paper he conducts a first class job and book printing department.

Mr. Brown is a member of Mount Abram Lodge, I. O. O. F., Col. C. S. Edwards Camp, S. of U. V., and the Methodist Church.

He is a popular editor, is always behind any progressive movement for the town, and gives each week in the columns of his paper a large amount of space for advertising of community doings.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown and their lively family live in the Brown farm home on the Locke's Mills road.



CLARENCE W. HALL

The subject of this sketch was born in Solon, Maine, the son of Arthur L. and Mary A. (Cummings) Hall. He was educated in the schools of Solon and when a very young man went to the northern part of Minnesota and for several years there engaged in lumbering and river logging.

Mr. Hall returned East and married Miss Bertha G. Capen and they had

one son, Fred B. Hall of this village who for years was associated with his father in business.

Thirty-six years ago Mr. Hall opened the barber shop in the Swift block on Main Street where he conducts an up-to-date shop today.

He married Miss Harriet Holbrook of North Anson and they lived in Berlin, N. H., for seven years and then returned to Bethel.

Mr. Hall is a member of the Eastern Star, Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., Kora Temple and Strathglass Commandery. He is affiliated with Berlin Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F., and Sunset Rebekah Lodge of Bethel.

Mr. Hall's well-earned vacation for years has consisted of a two weeks sojourn with the hunters of the William Tell Club at Spencer Mountain on Moosehead Lake. He is an honorary member of this body of distinguished men and his early association with the Indians in Minnesota enables him to cleverly portray the honest Red man in many a high class dramatic skit for the entertainment of his club mates.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall purchased the Stiles house on Bethel Common and here have their delightful home. They are both prominent in Bethel affairs.



RESIDENCE OF ERNEST F. BISBEE *Goddard Studio*



JUDGE ADDISON E. HERRICK

Judge A. E. Herrick was born in Greenwood in 1847, the son of Benjamin and Maria (Garland) Herrick.

He attended Gould Academy, Herbron Academy, and graduated from

Bowdoin College in 1873. He married Miss Mary Chase of Bluehill, Maine, and they have two daughters, Mrs. Lyndell Converse Blanchard of Abington, Mass., and Miss Margaret C. Herrick, Director of Prevention of Communicable Diseases in the State of Maine.

Judge Herrick served as Judge of the Oxford Probate Court from 1899 until 1920. He represented Oxford County at the State Legislature in 1891 and in the Senate in 1893. Since 1884 he has been treasurer of Bethel Savings Bank and was treasurer of the Bethel Water Co., for many years.

For 16 years he was president of the Board of Trustees of Gould Academy and is a member of the Board of Examiners and a trustee of Bowdoin College.

By his years of public service and integrity he has won the love and respect of his fellow men.

He is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M. Judge and Mrs. Herrick have a fine home on Broad Street, surrounded by gardens, shrubs, and stately trees.



GARAGE OF HERRICK BROS. CO.

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ARTHUR E. HERRICK

Arthur E. Herrick is the son of Edgar A. and the late Addie Herrick. He was born in Greenwood in 1890, attended the Bethel schools and graduated from Gould Academy.

After completing his education he taught as principal of the Bethel Grammar School for three years.

He married Miss Eva Glines in 1911. They have two daughters, Kathryn A. and Barbara W.

As a boy Mr. Herrick was strong for mechanics, for it is in the Herrick blood—and at an early age owned and operated the second automobile in the town of Bethel. (Mr. William Hastings owned the first.)

He worked for Walker and King for a few years as mechanic and repair man, and previous to that was chauffeur in New York City.

Since 1922 Mr. Herrick has been the Ford dealer in this section and has done a steadily increasing business at his garage on lower Main Street.

He has improved and enlarged his premises and now has a completely filled stock room, a fine show room, spacious storage and work rooms, all with latest equipment and steam heat—the latter a necessity in this climate. Mr. Herrick is a member of Mount

Abram Lodge of Odd Fellows and has served on the school board for three years.

His hobby is music and with his talented family he lives in a new and charming bungalow on Vernon Street. He and Mrs. Herrick are active in the social life of the community.

CHAUNCY C. BRYANT

Mr. Bryant, whose residence is pictured below, is one of Bethel's well-known business men, now retired.

He was born in Woodstock, Aug. 20, 1852, and has lived in Bethel 53 years. For many years he was proprietor of a successful meat and grocery business. Twenty-nine years ago he sold the business to his son.

Mr. Bryant married Miss Ella Smith of Bethel, who was her husband's faithful helper until her death last year.

In Mr. Bryant's leisure he is fond of fishing.

He is a member of Mount Abram Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the oldest active member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M.

Fifty years ago when Bethel celebrated the 100th anniversary of the last Indian raid, Mr. Bryant was a prominent participant. He is a good citizen and ever ready to help in a good cause.



BRYANT'S MARKET

Goddard Studio

WILLIAM C. BRYANT

William C. Bryant was born in Bethel, 1877. His parents are Chauncy C. and the late Ella Smith Bryant.

His education was received in the public school, Gould Academy and a business course at Shaw's Business College, Portland.

After school, Mr. Bryant worked in the general store of J. W. Bennett at Gilead for two years. He married Miss Daisy Foster Dec. 30, 1899, and they have one son, Myron C., now in business with his father.

Twenty-nine years ago Mr. Bryant purchased the meat and grocery business of his father on Main Street and here he does business today in one of the finest meat and grocery shops in New England.

All modern methods of refrigeration and appliances that go to make a modern store are here employed, and for more than fifty years this establishment has been a model of cleanliness and sanitation.

Bryant's home made sausage and home-cured hams and bacon are ship-

ped to every State in the Union and deserve their popularity.

Two years ago Mr. Bryant's store united with the Independent Grocers' Alliance of America in order to serve its patrons better.

A complete line of sporting goods, guns and ammunition is found at this store.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant have a pleasant home at the corner of Summer and Elm Streets and both enjoy fine success at hunting and fishing year after year.

MYRON C. BRYANT

Myron C. Bryant was born in Bethel, Aug. 4, 1902, the son of William C. and Daisy (Foster) Bryant.

He graduated from Gould Academy and Shaw's Business College.

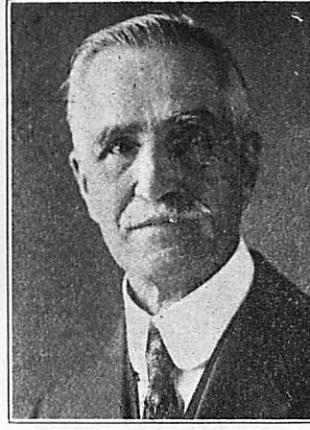
He married Miss Doris Goodnow and they have two children, Richard and Carolyn.

Mr. Bryant has been associated with his father in business about twelve years, is a popular clerk in Bryant's Market, and, like his father, is fond of hunting and fishing.



RESIDENCE OF CHAUNCY C. BRYANT

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Goddard Studio
MARSHALL R. HASTINGS

Goddard Studio
ELLERY C. PARK

Mr. Marshall R. Hastings was born in Bethel on Aug. 29, 1882, the son of David R. and Josephine (Sanderson) Hastings. He was educated in the Bethel schools, at Edward Little High School in Auburn, and at Brown University.

In 1905 he married Miss Norma Linscott of Auburn and they have a daughter, Mrs. William Chapman 2nd of Bethel.

Mr. Hastings was associated with his father in Wild River from 1900 until 1914 in cutting pulp wood and the manufacture of wood alcohol.

Following this he operated on his own initiative and for 18 seasons has cut lumber for the Brown Company of Berlin, N. H. That Mr. Hastings does business on no small scale is seen by his average winter's cut which has been 15,000 cords every year, and a few years ago he delivered 27,000, cords, the largest contract ever fulfilled by a single individual.

These lumbering maneuvers have been and are in the vicinities of Grafton, Oquossoc, Richardson Lake, Dead Diamond, Abbott Brook, Umbagog, and Shelburne, N. H.

Mr. Hastings is a member of the Bethel Lions Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Hastings occupy the colonial style house on Broad Street, formerly the home of Hon. W. W. Hastings. This house was built for Major Gideon Hastings by his father in 1866 upon the return of the former from the Civil War.

Mrs. Hastings is a talented singer. She and Mr. Hastings keep open house to their many friends and relatives.

Mr. E. C. Park was born in Mexico, Maine, Jan. 7, 1864. His education was acquired in the public schools, Farmington Normal School, Dixfield and Hebron Academies.

Mr. Park came to Bethel in 1887 and has been active in public interests since. He was admitted to the Oxford County bar in 1890 and the same year married Miss Mary Stearns of Paris. They have one daughter, Mrs. Harry Mason of Boston.

Forty-one years ago Mr. Park became associated with Judge Herrick of this town and with his partner has been in the practice of law continuously and with no small measure of success since that time. This is the oldest legal firm in Oxford County.

Mr. Park has served two terms as county attorney. He has been cashier of the Bethel National Bank since 1905 when it was organized and his sound financial judgment has done much to give this institution its present high rating.

In politics he is a Republican, was chairman of the Republican County committee in 1898 and 1899, and chairman of the Republican town committee for six years. For many years Mr. Park has been a member and treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Gould Academy. He is president of the Bethel Lions Club.

Years ago Mr. and Mrs. Park purchased the Pinckney Burnham place on Church Street and here live in their beautiful home filled with choice books and surrounded by well-kept gardens.

RESIDENCE OF MARSHALL R. HASTINGS *Goddard Studio*
in Oxford County.

Edmund C. Smith was born in New York City and came to Bethel in 1916 as manager of Birchmont Farm for his friend, Dr. W. L. Robbins of New York, who had acquired the property and had come to Bethel in search of health. Mr. Smith attended Trinity and Kelvin schools in New York, spent the year 1911-1912 in Europe, and entered Columbia College in 1913, leaving there in his senior year on a leave of absence for a year to come to Bethel. But at the end of the year, owing to the continued ill health of the owner, Mr. Smith found it impossible to leave, and has since continued to operate the farm.

Birchmont Farm specializes in Guernsey cattle. At the present time a herd of 40 head is maintained, many of which are registered. The chief crop is potatoes, of which there are ten acres this year. Many tons of fine hay are cut annually, it being a natural hay farm. Altogether this year 30 acres of crops are under cultivation.

Mr. Smith is a member of Bethel Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M., Purity Chapter, O. E. S., Pleasant Valley Grange, and Psi U.

In 1926, Mr. Smith married Miss Clare S. Mason of Bethel. A son Albert Coe Smith, was born in 1928.

In 1817 the first Sunday school in Bethel was organized.

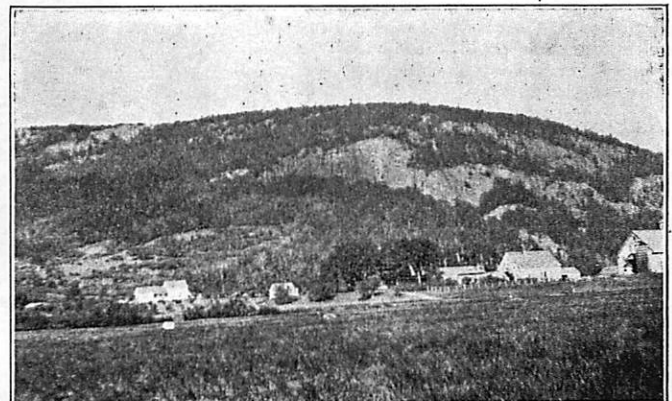


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EDMUND C. SMITH

Birchmont Farm, situated in the towns of Bethel and Mason, is owned and operated by Edmund C. Smith. It consists of 600 acres of land and lies about two and one-half miles from West Bethel on the so-called Flat Road. The large house and barns are beautifully situated at the foot of Main's mountain and lie three-quarters of a mile back from the main road, being approached by a private road which crosses a wide meadow. This is the former A. S. Bean farm and is one of the most fertile farms



METALLAK BROOK LUMBERING OPERATION OF M. R. HASTINGS



BIRCHMONT FARM



FRED L. EDWARDS

Mr. Fred L. Edwards was born in Bethel Oct. 14, 1865, has lived practically his whole life here and is staunchly loyal to his native town. His parents were Col. Clark S. and Maria (Mason) Edwards. His education was acquired at Gould Academy, Bridgton Academy and Gray's Commercial College.

Following the completion of his education he engaged in farming and lumbering with his father.

In 1890 he married Miss Susan G. Frost and for several years they resided on the old Edwards homestead on Vernon Street. They have one daughter, Miss Dorothy J.

Following the death of Col. Edwards in 1903, Mr. Edwards continued farming on a large scale, raising thoroughbred cattle and conducting lumbering operations in Bethel, Albany and Roxbury.

He is a member of Bethel Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M., Kora Temple, and Strathglass Commandery. He is member of Purity Chapter, O. E. S., and Bethel Grange. He is active in the Sons of Veterans and a member of the Universalist Church.

His sound business judgment is recognized throughout the State and he is on the board of directors of the Rumford National Bank and the Norway National Bank. On three different occasions he has been chosen in County politics, serving as Democratic member of the House of Representatives in 1914-15, 1922-23, and 1930-31.

Eleven years ago Mr. Edwards bought the N. R. Springer house on Main Street and in this delightful home, with his charming family, lives a busy and useful life.

REV. LELAND A. EDWARDS

Rev. L. A. Edwards was born in Springfield, Vt., June 8, 1865, the son of Lysander and Catharine (Jepson) Edwards.

He received his education in the High School of Bellows Falls, Vt., and at the Congregational College of Montreal, Canada.

In 1889 he married Miss Bertha A. Gordon of Sherbrooke, Canada, and they have two sons, Harry L. and Willis B.

Mr. Edwards' first pastorate was in Winthrop, N. Y., in 1902. Since then he has served the following communities as Congregational pastor: Yarmouth, N. S.; Cleveland, Ohio; Newport, Vt.; St. Lawrence Church, Portland, and his present charge in Bethel, which he has filled for four years.

Mr. Edwards is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Brasher Falls, N. Y., and the Lions Club, Bethel.

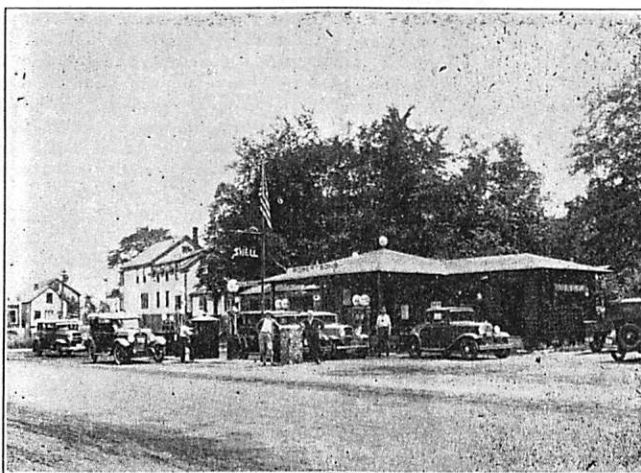
His chief interest and love is in working with young people and in this field he has marked success. He is president of the Maine Council of Religious Education, chairman and trustee of Maine Religious Council, and Eastern secretary of the National organization of the Comrades of the Way.

Mr. Edwards is interested in the local troop of Boy Scouts and is a member of the advisory board.

He is a musician and has always been active in organizing, directing and training choirs. His fine baritone voice is frequently heard in his church. His pastime is playing golf. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards and their granddaughter are residents of the handsome Congregational parsonage, adjoining Bethel Common.



REV. LELAND A. EDWARDS



ROBERTSON SERVICE STATION



SHOP OF WALLACE H. WARREN

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ROBERTSON SERVICE STATION

Edward N. Robertson, Prop.

Mr. Edward N. Robertson was born in Bethel in 1863, the son of Moses and Sarah (Stowell) Robertson. His education was received in the common schools and at Gould Academy.

In 1883 Mr. Robertson married Miss Cora Buck, and they have three sons: Frank O., associated with his father; Fred H., agent for the Gulf Refining Co. of New York; and Percy L., foreman in Scoville Mfg. Co. at Waterbury, Conn.

Mr. Robertson worked for six years with the late Mel Freeman of this town and became a first class house and carriage painter.

He entered the employ of the Grand Trunk Railroad as brakeman and after six years was promoted to conductor, a responsible position he held with honor for 33 years. He retired in 1929.

Four years ago he built the service station pictured below opposite the C. N. R. Station, and it is a service station in every sense of the word. First class service, greasing, oiling and washing cars is here done promptly and well. Mr. Robertson has an enviable record of square dealing.

With his wife he occupies a nice home in a well kept garden on Paradise Street.

WALLACE H. WARREN

Wallace H. Warren was born in Newry Aug. 16, 1892. He received his education in the schools of Newry.

He married Miss Mabel Godwin on July 11, 1914 and they have five daughters, Roma, Eslin, Elaine, Francene, and Betty.

For three years Mr. Warren served an apprenticeship as blacksmith with the late Albert Frost, and 18 years ago went into business for himself, later buying Mr. Frost's shop.

His is the last of Bethel's old time "smithy" shops and he is a fine workman, both at shoeing and general jobbing.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren have a pleasant home at the Edward King house on Main Street.

FRITZ J. TYLER

Mr. F. J. Tyler was born in Albany, Maine, Dec. 26, 1873. His parents moved to Bethel when he was young and in this town he acquired his education and began in business.

For three years he worked in the blacksmith shop of the late A. C. Frost and became a proficient smith and carriage worker. For five years he was employed in the shop of J. C. Billings on Mechanic Street and then was in business for himself for several years.

He married Miss Grace Bartlett in 1896 and they have two children: Miss Esther, a popular teacher in Portland and Louis, employed with the A. & P. Co. in Boston.

Changing times brought business changes and Mr. Tyler discontinued his blacksmith and iron craft working about 18 years ago.

Mr. Tyler has been interested in the corn canning industry of this section of the country and for several seasons has managed the shops at Bethel and Fryeburg and one for a season at Casco, Maine.

About three years ago he opened a box and novelty shop here and at present is engaged in developing this industry.

Mr. Tyler has served the town as deputy sheriff and tax collector. With his wife he lives in a pleasant home on Summer Street.

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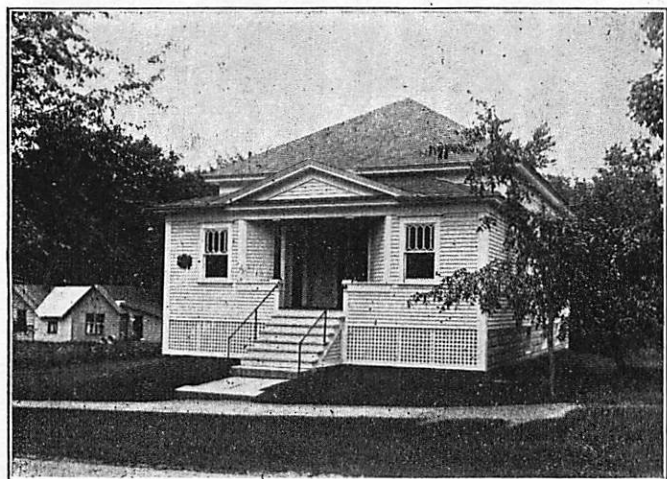
Excerpt from an original poem written and delivered by Miss Cornelia French with the valedictory address at the commencement exercises at Gould Academy in June, 1896.

Where the noble Androscoggin winds and turns and winds again;
Past the meadows wide, and uplands, past the fields of waving grain;
Bordered on its banks by pine-trees, maples tall and noble elms;
On each side the mountains lofty, lifting high their crowned heads;
Here the red man built his wigwam, using skins and bark of trees,
On the banks of Alder river, neath the willows gnarled and old,
Have been found the heads of arrows, split and carved from flinty stone,
Showing how the savage people killed both deer and bear of old;
Here the friend of Hiawatha wandered free on hill and plain,
But the chance and change of nature brought to him his cruel fate;
He must turn from Alder river, seek elsewhere the means of life,
For the white man, coming, drove him from the haunts of former times,
Seized the land and built his houses, thinking naught of savage claims.
Then the Indian Natalluk left the valley with his tribe,
Wandered far through wood and forest, till he reached the Thousand Isles;
There he settled with his people far from what had been his home.
This has been the fate of nations ever since the dawn of time,
Weakness must give way to power, simple faith to stronger might
And although there's much injustice in this treatment of a race,
Yet forevermore the lower to the higher must give place.
But at length had many white men settled here on hill and plain,
And they wished that their plantation might be made into a town;
But their minds were sorely puzzled as to what should be its name,
Till they thought them of that Jacob, sleeping on his rocky bed,
Who saw in the midst of darkness doors of heaven open wide,
And a ladder from the glory reach to earth on which he lay,
While the rounds were filled with angels, moving swiftly up and down;
And that he had named it Bethel, where he saw the vision bright
Then our fathers said to each one, "This the name is which we choose,
For the beauty of God's goodness lies around on either side."
Thus the former home of Indians, had its name changed at this time,
And the little town of Bethel, by the river winding down,
Has been much increased and strengthened in the years that since have flown.
Round it still the hills are keeping guard eternal in their might
As the arm of God our Father keeps his children in the right.



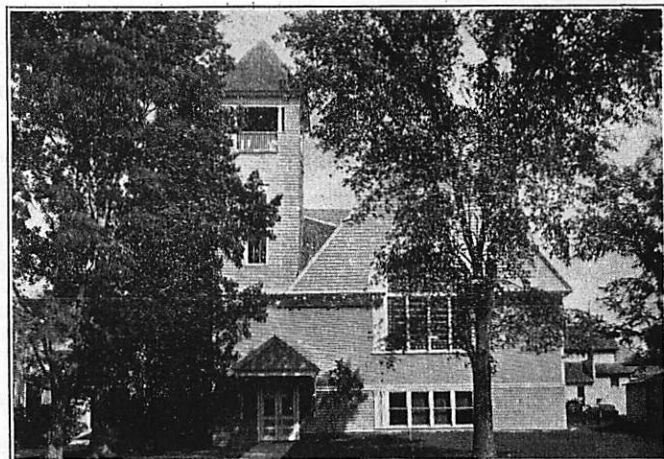
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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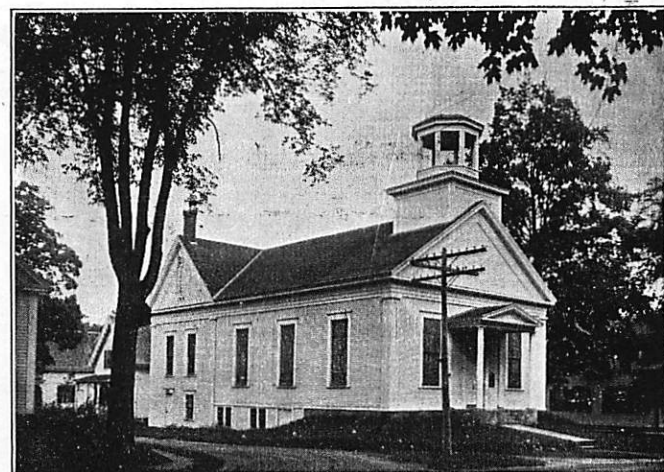
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

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METHODIST CHURCH

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UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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WEST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Congregational Church Society was organized Sept. 8, 1796, and in 1847 the present building was erected.

Garland Chapel adjoining the church proper was named in honor of Rev. David Garland, who served the people of Bethel as minister faithfully and efficiently for 50 years.

This church is a recognized branch of the Mother Church in Boston, Mass. This society has made substantial progress in the town in its less than ten years of existence and now has a good sized following of earnest workers.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

The Universalist Society was organized in 1847 and in 1853 the present beautiful church was built, and a few years later the chapel was added.

The beautiful memorial windows in this church bespeak the love and esteem of its members.

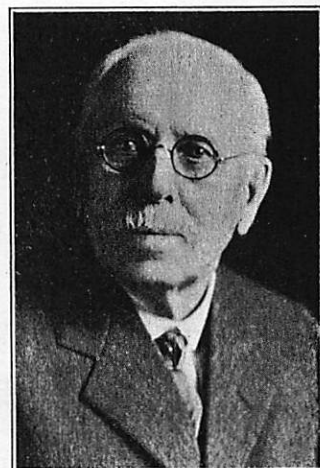
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

In 1798 the Methodist Society was organized in Bethel and the present building was erected in 1859.

Since that time the original structure has been remodelled and is today a beautiful and commodious church structure.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

This beautiful little church on Chapman Street was built in 1924 by a small body of devoted members of this religion. On June 26, 1927, the church was dedicated free from debt, as is the custom with all Christian Science Churches.



DR. GEORGE M. TWITCHELL

Son of Dr. Almon Twitchell, oldest living great grandson of Capt. Eleazer Twitchell, one of Bethel's first settlers. Photographed 1927, when 80 years old.

THE VAN TEL. & TEL. CO.

A. Van Den Kerckhoven, President

Mr. Van Den Kerckhoven is not a native of Bethel but has lived here more than 30 years and is one of her most loyal adopted sons.

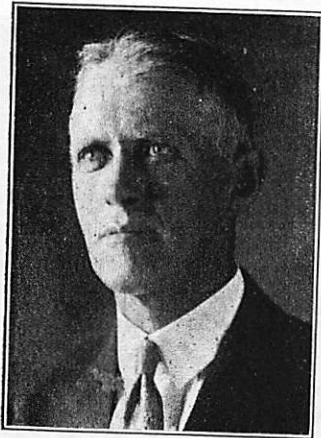
He was born in Boston, Dec. 1, 1872, the son of Eugene and Clemence (Dagor) Van Den Kerckhoven. He was educated in the schools of that city.

In 1898 he married Miss Emma Jones of Bethel and they have four children: Eugene A., associated with his father; Louis A., in the Bethel National Bank; Mrs. James MacFarlane of Cambridge, Mass., and Miss Lucia, a student at Gould Academy.

In 1906 Mr. Van Den Kerckhoven organized the Van Tel & Tel. Co., and managed it individually until 1921 when the company incorporated under the same name. The entire stock is owned by members of the family.

Mr. Van Den Kerckhoven is secretary of the Telephone Association of Maine and active in local Masonic circles. He has been treasurer of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., for ten years and is a member of the Eastern Star and Bethel Lions Club.

For several years his family occu-



GEORGE N. THOMPSON

The subject of this sketch was born in Dixfield, Maine, Oct. 18, 1880, the son of John N. and Ida (Waite) Thompson. His education was received in the schools of Dixfield and was supplemented by a course at Portland Business College.

He married Miss Grace Decker of Dixfield. Mr. Thompson, on completing his education began work in the mills at Dixfield and has continued in the business since.

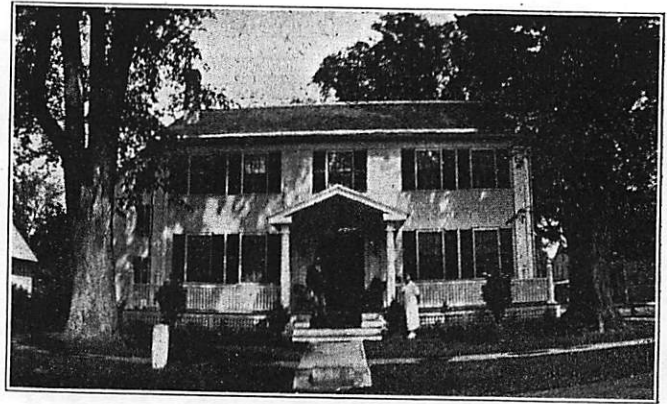
For six years he was in charge of the mills for N. S. Stowell in New Portland and Andover and spent two years in developing the same interests in Finland.

Seven years ago Mr. and Mrs. Thompson came to Bethel and built the cottage bungalow on Church Street where they now reside. They have done much to beautify their lawns and gardens and have made many friends.

Their holidays are spent at Camp Thompson on Mooselucmeguntic Lake and here they catch many and large fish, as their trout-eating friends can testify.



A. VAN DEN KERCKHOVEN



RESIDENCE OF DR. W. R. CHAPMAN
Built 150 Years Ago—The Oldest House in Bethel

pled the Dr. Morton homestead in Kimball Park, and about ten years ago he built a modern two story house with telephone office adjoining on Elm Street.

An inherent love of the beautiful in Mr. Van's nature has prompted him to raise flowers, first as a pastime and later commercially.

His home is a place of levelness surrounded by rare and beautiful blooms, and both he and Mrs. Van find happy diversion in their lovely gardens.

H. ALTON BACON

Mr. Bacon was born in Woodstock, Maine, in 1876. His parents were Herbert and Alice Bacon. He attended the town schools of Woodstock and married Miss Stella Bowker in 1901.

Mr. Bacon operates a planing and cabinet mill in Bryant's Pond. Here he does a good deal of refrigerator making for the Frigidaire and Cope-land refrigerator companies. He owns a lumber yard with varying amount of stock and number of men employed, frequently having thirty working at one time.

Mr. Bacon is a house builder and contractor and in that capacity, as well as in general remodeling and repair work, he has made many friends

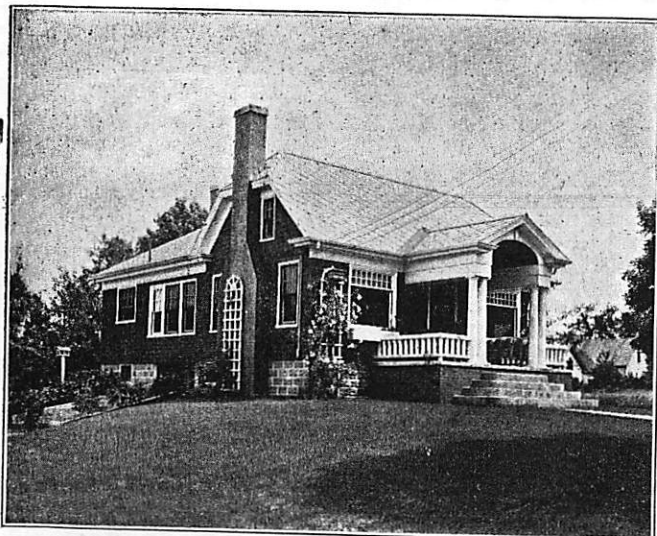


H. ALTON BACON
in Bethel.

He is agent for the Beacon Range Burners and Electrol Oil Burners in Oxford County and has placed many of each in this town that give perfect satisfaction.

He has an efficient crew for any outside or inside job, large or small, and will suit the most particular.

He is a Mason and member of the Eastern Star.



RESIDENCE OF GEORGE N. THOMPSON

Goddard Studio



MILL OF H. ALTON BACON AT BRYANT'S POND

Goddard Studio

DR. WILLIAM ROGERS CHAPMAN

Dr. William Rogers Chapman, a son of the Rev. William Rogers Chapman who was born and raised in Bethel, is very proud of his Maine ancestry, and although he resides in New York in the winters, he has for many years made Bethel his summer home. He has been noticed in both Bethel celebrations with paper write-ups, and at this time we will mention only the outstanding events of the last 30 years.

Dr. Chapman has done more for music all over the State than any other one man of this generation. His name is known in every town as well as city over the State. For 30 years beginning in 1897, he conducted the Maine Music Festivals in Bangor and Portland, bringing to these annual festivals the greatest artists in the world to appear with his chorus and orchestra. These were most successful, but because of neuritis in his right arm, he was obliged to resign the strenuous work in 1927.

Dr. Chapman had charge of the music for the Maine Centennial in Portland in 1920, and then assembled the bands from all over the State, comprising 214 members, with a chorus of 1,000 voices gave two great out-of-doors concerts, attended by audiences from all over New England. It was estimated that 20,000 people attended these concerts.

In June 1926 he was honored by the University of Maine with the honorary degree of Doctor of Music, the first time the degree had ever been given by the University to any musician. President Boardman in making the presentation used these words:

"William Rogers Chapman. Doctor of Music. Loyal son of the State of Maine. Director of Music. Founder, Director-in-Chief and Guiding Spirit of the Maine Music Festival. Inspiring conductor and dauntless promoter. You have been a benefactor to your native State through the presentation to her people, for three decades of the great master works of music and of the world's foremost artists and interpreters. By virtue of authority granted to me by the Board of Trustees, I declare that to these recipients of honorary degrees belong all the honors and privileges of the several degrees which have been



DR. WILLIAM R. CHAPMAN

granted and that their names shall forever be borne on the rolls of the University."

Dr. Chapman has written many compositions for piano, church, choir, chorus, and solo rendition. The last two, "Spring Joy," and "The Call of the May Dancers," written for the Rubinstein Club of New York, have been very popular, and sung by many choruses all over the United States, and placed on the programme of the Biennial Convention in San Francisco in June, 1931.

On April 27, 1927, a red oak tree was planted in the Honor Grove of Central Park, at the same time that General Charles A. Summerall was also honored. The tree bears this inscription on a brass plate:

"Dedicated to Dr. William Rogers Chapman, and Mrs. William Rogers Chapman, the Musical Director, and the President of the Rubinstein Club, in recognition of their national, musical, patriotic, and humanitarian services for 40 years in New York City."

There was a very wonderful ceremony arranged by Mrs. William Albert Lewis, the founder of the Honor Grove. Hundreds of invited guests were present, among them Ex-Governor Milliken of Maine, who gave an address.

There was a wonderful ceremony work as the largest musical Woman's Club in New York, and on October 3d, will give the first big affair in the ball room of the new Waldorf-Astoria, with an autumnal breakfast at noon that will tax the seating capacity of new ball room. Dr. Chapman will conduct the orchestra, and has written a new march for the opening event. Elaborate plans are under way for pageant and scenic effects in addition

to the musical programme, which will be the first given in this new hotel, the finest, newest, most complete hotel in the world. Dr. Chapman continues his work as conductor of this Rubinstein Club, with headquarters in the Waldorf-Astoria, and has arranged for a brilliant season for 1931-32, which marks the forty-fifth season of the Club.

Dr. Chapman is justly proud of his record of conducting this Club for 44 years and never missing a concert. Mrs. Chapman is the president of the Club, and much of its success is due to her ability and untiring efforts to keep up its high standard in the musical and social life of New York.

The following extract is from a letter written to Dr. Chapman by former Congressman Frank E. Guernsey:

"The University of Maine never granted a more merited degree than that of Doctor of Music awarded to you recently in recognition of your tireless efforts for musical development of this State in the past 30 years. Your efforts have not only reached the home and appealed to the mind and heart of thousands of music loving people, but have elevated our citizenship as a whole.

"Your work has been monumental and is lasting for all time. This is my sincere opinion which I am moved to submit to you."

And from the pen of Arthur G. Staples in the Lewiston Journal:

Service of 30 years for Maine education in the emotional elements of pure music—thus recognized amid applause of all the world. When will we understand what fundamental teaching there is in music. It is the Lord's medicine for psychopaths—among other things. No man living deserved this recognition more than William R. Chapman, servant of the people, inspiration

and educator."

Appreciation from home folks:

With world wide honors constantly showered upon him, Dr. Chapman has never lost his interest in his home town.

During the last 15 years he has purchased as many properties, remodelled and improved them, both inside and out, and converted the often formerly neglected building into an attractive and useful dwelling or store.

He is lavish with fresh paint and his business blocks and houses are constantly kept in fine appearance.

The Ryerson property in Mayville, now Bethaven, with its colonial interiors, wide verandas and beautiful trees and grounds, is one of the many places that bear able testimony to Dr. Chapman's artistic ability and civic pride.

His home in the center of the town facing Bethel Common is a place of loveliness and charm with luxurious furnishings and spacious gardens.

Here Dr. and Mrs. Chapman and their family spent the summer months and occasional brief visits from their professional duties in New York.



WALTER E. BARTLETT

Mr. Bartlett is our enterprising insurance man and he can fix you up for a minimum cost so that life or death will hold no terrors.

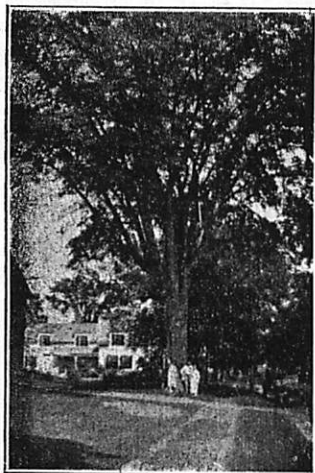
He was born in Bethel Nov. 13, 1874, the son of Henry E. and Lizzie (Coburn) Bartlett. He attended the public schools, a private school taught by the late J. S. Hutchins, and Gould Academy.

He married Miss Grace Mills in 1905 and they have one son, Wilbert M.

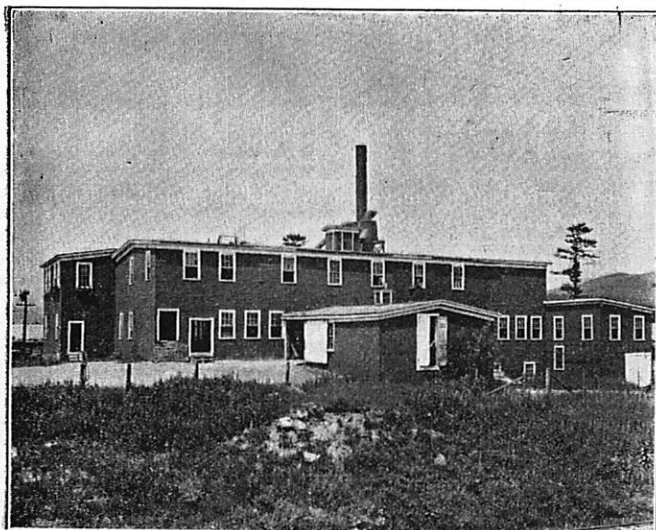
When a boy Mr. Bartlett worked on the farm, in a brick yard and in the woods at East Bethel. He became a carpenter and a first class blacksmith. He worked with F. J. Tyler nine years.

In 1916 Mr. Bartlett began selling insurance in his spare time and for ten years has devoted himself to it exclusively. For three consecutive years he won by his intensive work a complimentary trip to New Orleans, to Palm Beach, and to the home offices of the Union Central Life Insurance Company in Cincinnati. He sells a complete line of automobile, fire and casualty insurance, has his office at his home on Chapman Street and his terms are right.

Mr. Bartlett is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Knights of Pythias at Hanover.



LARGEST ELM TREE IN MAINE
On Grounds of Dr. W. R. Chapman



MILL OF N. S. STOWELL & CO.

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SPOOL AND DOWEL MILL OF N. S. STOWELL & CO., INC., BETHEL

Some over 40 years ago, Mr. N. S. Stowell started a spool factory in Dixfield. This later was combined with a second mill at Dixfield, one at Bethel, formerly the Merrill, Springer Co., one at Weld and one at New Portland. These five mills comprise the N. S. Stowell & Co., Inc., which for some 20 years have been owned by N. S. Stowell and J. & P. Coats (R. I.) Inc., and consume approximately 16,000 cords of wood per year.

In addition to the mills mentioned above, Mr. Stowell owns the Elliott & Bartlett mill at Andover and also the Stowell Silk Spool Co. at Bryant Pond. These mills combined furnish employment for five or six hundred men and women the year around. During the winter months these figures are

doubled, as the 16,000 cords must be cut, trucked to the mills, and all sawed into squares during the cold weather.

The Bethel mill, which was formerly the Merrill, Springer Co., as stated before, was purchased by the N. S. Stowell & Co., about seven years ago. It furnishes employment for 60 to 75 men and women, with a pay roll of \$75,000 per year. An average of 4,000 cords of white birch is used each year. The company manufactures spools, dowels, and novelties. Spools, however, are the principal product and are used for silk, mercerized and cotton thread. The output is about 75,000,000 spools per year.

The production of dowels of all lengths is around 5,000,000 per year.

The resident Superintendent is Mr. George N. Thompson, who came to Bethel in 1924.



TEA ROOM OF FARWELL & WIGHT

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TEA ROOM OF FARWELL & WIGHT A. R. Farwell and L. F. Wight, Props.

Eight years ago Mrs. Farwell purchased this store on Church Street and converted it into a tea room and restaurant. A year and a half later her daughter, Mrs. Wight, joined her and in a short time this place became deservedly popular.

Mrs. Farwell is the widow of the late W. L. Farwell and has lived in Bethel, village or country, all her life. Mrs. Wight is the widow of Walter T. Wight, and has two children, William W. and Kathleen.

No one need worry if the larder is empty for Farwell & Wight's is always open and they can supply any need.

Many improvements and additions have been made in the property the past few years and they are fully equipped with more than a dozen electrical appliances: stoves, coolers, refrigerators, etc., to cater to a first class and extensive trade.

SYLVANUS H. BROWNE

Sylvanus H. Browne was born in Albany in October, 1888, the son of Jonathan and Imogene (Bennett) Browne. He was educated in the public schools of Albany and at Gould Academy.

Mr. Browne taught school for two years, worked in the lumber woods for several winters and 22 years ago learned the trade of house painter and paper hanger.

He married Miss Eva Smith of Bethel in 1911. They have seven children: Mrs. O. H. Anderson of Bethel, Paul and Pauline, Robert and Roberta, Barbara E., and James A.

"Venie," as he is commonly called by his many friends, is an A No. 1 workman and has never failed to give satisfaction. Year after year he goes into New Hampshire where he has the exclusive painting and decorating of the Mt. Madison House in Gorham and the properties on the Stone and Philbrook Farms in Shelburne. He does a large amount of local work.

Mr. Browne is a member of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Eastern Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Browne live with their interesting family on Mill Street.

A GLIMPSE AT OTHER DAYS (Continued from First Page)

familiar face of one universally known as the friend of old and young—Dr. N. T. True, for so long the beloved head of Gould Academy, a man with an active nervous temperament and a vision of Bethel as he hoped to see it. All the years he labored faithfully to assist students to fit for life and citizens to beautify the town. Broad Street with its majestic elms testifies to his earnest efforts to make attractive the village while about the academy many trees were set, making the grounds an object lesson for all.

Early in 1860 Dr. True called the young men together and organized a military company known as the Bethel Zouaves, and they drilled on the Common under his tutelage. When the call came in 1861 the boys from the Zouaves were among the first to enlist and did loyal service during the war, bringing honor to their native town. The activity of Dr. True aroused such discussion that the trustees of the Academy, a majority being democratic, thought it best for him to resign and his direct public services were largely lost to the town.

In the capture of Captain Twitchell he was taken from near the block house house a half-mile away; there to await at the foot of mill hill, to the Clark the arrival of other squads with their prisoners. During the night arrival of other prisoners gave Capt. Twitchell a chance to escape. Being pursued he jumped a dead tree in the woods back of where the Universalist Church now stands and dropped down at its opposite side. The Indians in hot pursuit jumped the same tree but failed to see him and very early the next morning he found his way to the block house safely.

Regretting that I am unable to join in the festivities of the day and wishing full success in every way.

An old son of Bethel,

GEORGE M. TWITCHELL.

WANTED

A laboring man to work at the Philbrook farm who wears out his shoes before the seat of his trousers.

MRS. J. M. PHILBROOK



ROBERT AND ROBERTA, PAUL AND PAULINE, TWINS OF MR. AND MRS. SYLVANUS H. BROWNE

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